



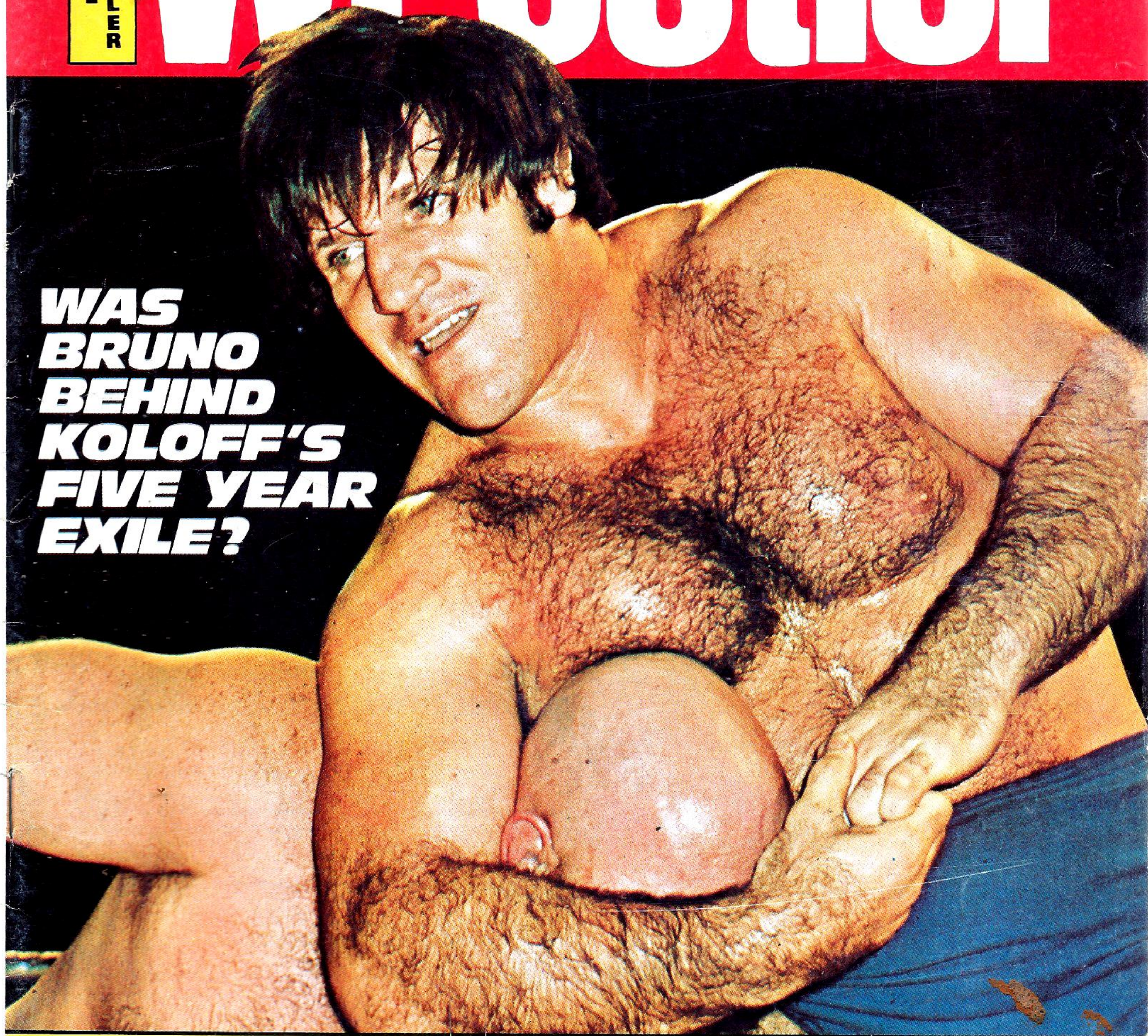
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OFFICIAL WRESTLING RATINGS

WORLD WIDE WRESTLING FEDERATION

CHAMPION: BRUNO SAMMARTINO

- 1—BILLY GRAHAM
- 2—IVAN KOLOFF
- 3—ERNIE LADD
- 4—BUGSY MCGRAW
- 5—IVAN PUTSKI
- 6—SPIROS ARION
- 7—WALDO VON ERICH
- 8—HAYSTACKS CALHOUN
- 9—KEVIN SULLIVAN
- 10—CRUSHER BLACKWELL

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CHAMPION: VERNE GAGNE

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- 2—BARON VON RASCHKE
- 3—BILLY ROBINSON
- 4—NICK BOCKWINKLE
- 5—PAMPERO FIRPO
- 6—BRUISER
- 7—CRUSHER
- 8—JOHN VALIANT
- 9—JIM VALIANT
- 10—JACQUES GOULET

MOST POPULAR WRESTLERS

- 1—DUSTY RHODES
- 2—IVAN PUTSKI
- 3—BRUNO SAMMARTINO
- 4—MIL MASCARAS
- 5—MR. WRESTLING II
- 6—ANDRE THE GIANT
- 7—CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW
- 8—BOBO BRAZIL
- 9—WAHOO MCDANIEL
- 10—JOSE LOTHARIO

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CHAMPION: JACK BRISCO

- 1—HARLEY RACE
- 2—TERRY FUNK
- 3—SHOEHI BABA
- 4—PAUL JONES
- 5—DORY FUNK JR.
- 6—THE SHEIK
- 7—DUSTY RHODES
- 8—MOONDOG MAYNE
- 9—JERRY LAWLER
- 10—MR. WRESTLING II

TAG TEAMS

- 1—THE BLACKJACKS
- 2—BRUISER & CRUSHER
- 3—THE ANDERSON BROTHERS
- 4—CYCLONE & OMAR NEGRO
- 5—MR. WRESTLING I & MR. WRESTLING II
- 6—THE INFERNOS
- 7—TONY PARISI & LOUIS CERDAN
- 8—RAY STEVENS & NICK BOCKWINKLE
- 9—THE VALIANT BROTHERS
- 10—PAT PATTERSON & PEDRO MORALES

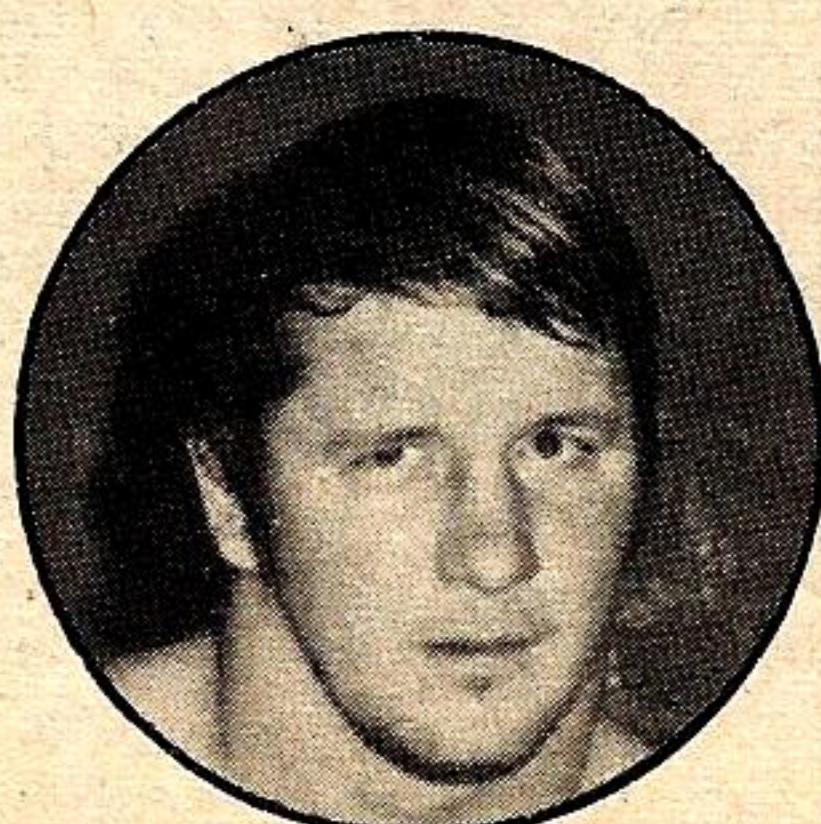
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CHAMPION: FABULOUS MOOLAH

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- 2—SUSAN GREEN
- 3—JOYCE GRABLE
- 4—DONNA CHRISTENELLO
- 5—LEILANA KAI
- 6—KITTY ADAMS
- 7—BELLE STARR
- 8—SUSAN SEXTON
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- 10—SHEILA SHEPPARD



IVAN PUTSKI



TERRY FUNK



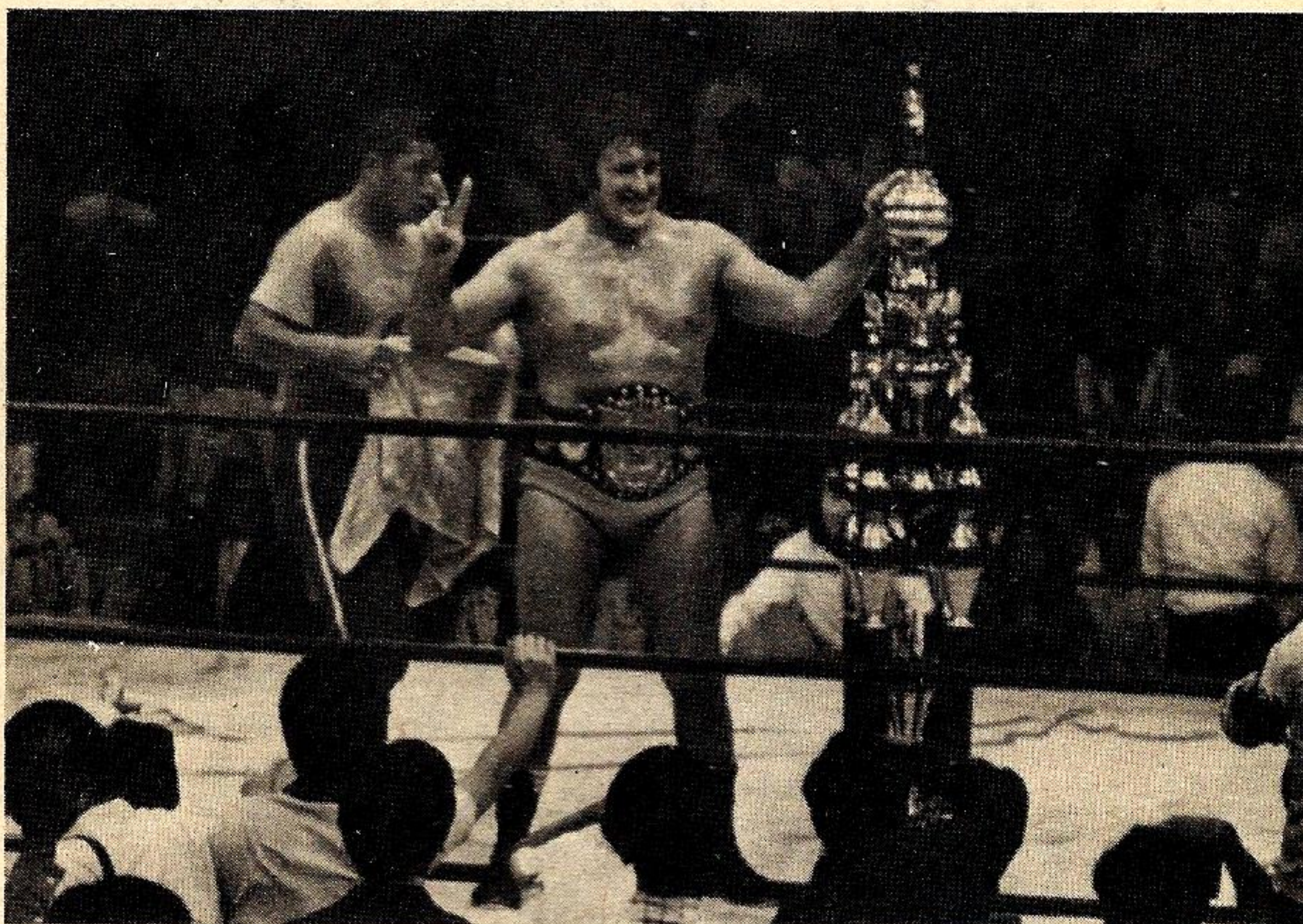
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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING, BABY!

By Bill Apter



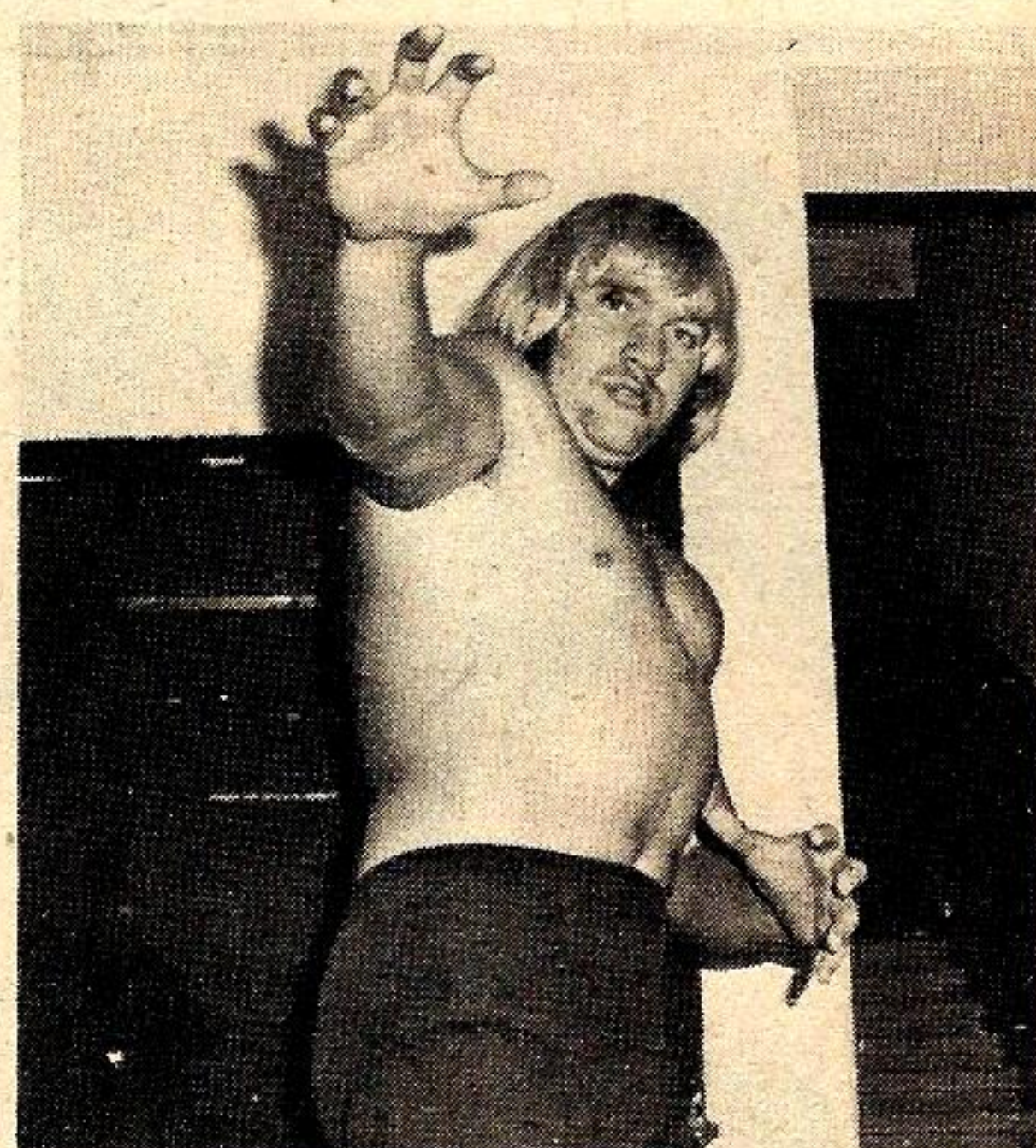
BILLY ROBINSON, wrestling in National Wrestling Alliance areas assures everyone, "I have not given up in my aspirations to acquire Verne Gagne's American Wrestling Association title. I hope to spend some time in the N.W.A., possibly challenging Jack Brisco for the heavyweight crown and eventually return to the A.W.A." Billy should be glad to know all his fans in A.W.A. areas are begging for the return of the British sensation.

After an absence he calls "too long," Jerry Lawler has returned to the Tennessee mat wars...Southern fans keep their eyes glued to the exciting young duo of Jim Golden and Rick Gibson. These two youngsters show the know how of more experienced veterans in their matches and everyone loves them!...Greg Valentine in Texas, boasting, "John Tolos is here and I'm going to end his career once and for all!"...Antonino Rocca back from Japan after refereeing a series of Japanese title matches...Mil Mascaras busy readying another film, starring himself, being made on location in Mexico.

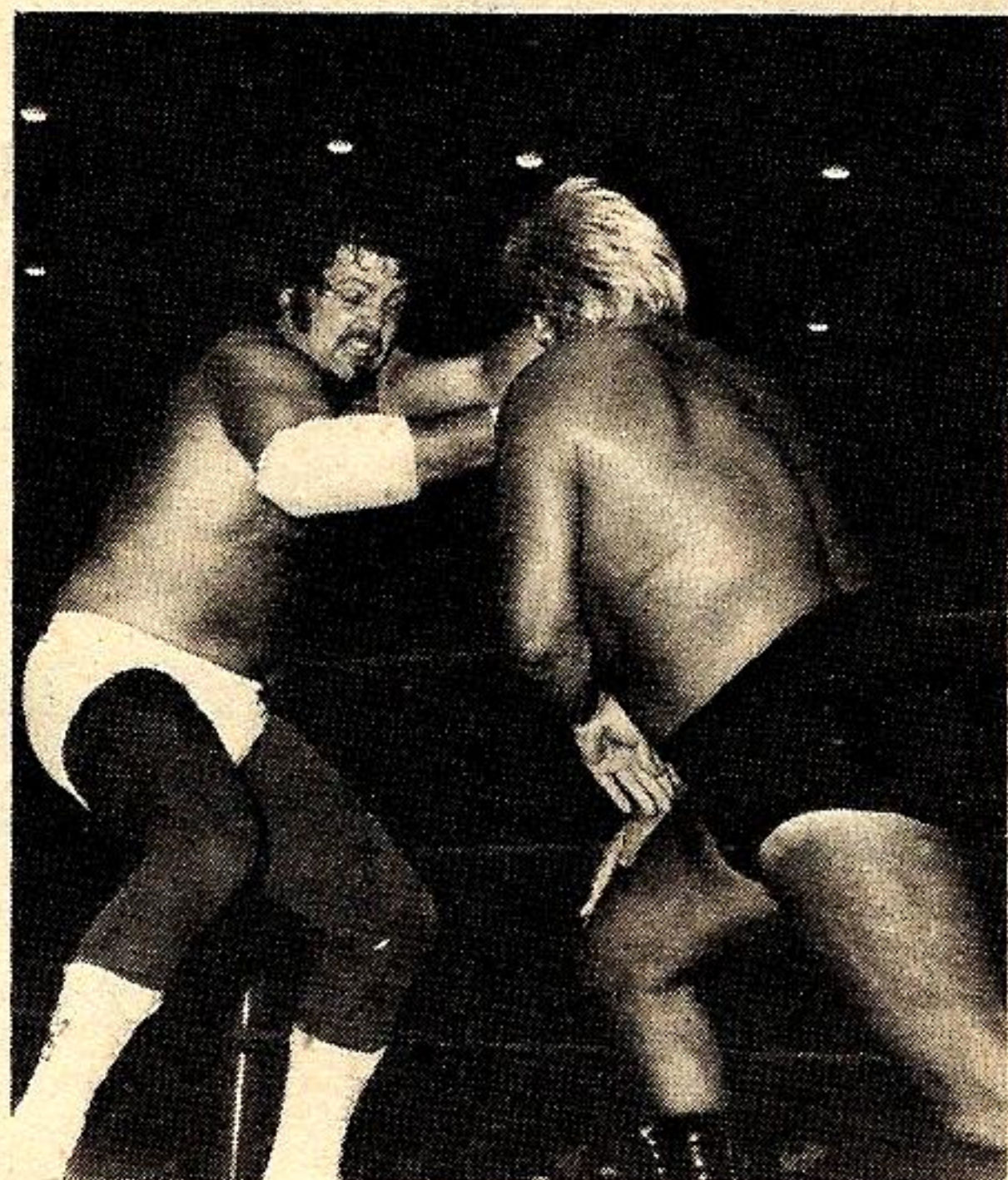
Mark Lewin had Abdullah Farouk over a barrel when Mark wrestled The Sheik. Lewin put his sleeper hold on the Arab wildman and refused to wake him up unless Mark could get his longtime wish—a death match against Sheik. Farouk had no alternative but to give the "okay!"

"I've been trying to get a death match against Sheik for years," claimed Lewin. "That way I can legally bring in an arsenal of weapons just like Sheik and not get disqualified for doing so. I'll end the Sheik's bloody reign!"

Bobo Brazil is increasing his already busy schedule. Beside appearing regularly in Michigan, the "Coco Butt" expert now jets to Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Canada. He has to be one of wrestling's busiest stars...Spiros Arion contemplating a tour of Canadian rings. "I'm sick of beating all the Word Wide Wrestling Federation wrestlers," brags Arion. "I need a new challenge"...Big Bill Miller and Stan Stasiak are becoming a frequent tag team in the Missouri areas...Chuck O'Connor making waves defeating experienced



Chuck O'Connor (above) prepares for a violent match with Joe Nova. Bill Robinson clutches the Japanese trophy he won by beating Crusher Kimura (left). Jerry Lawler (below) gives his famous right to Jackie Fargo.

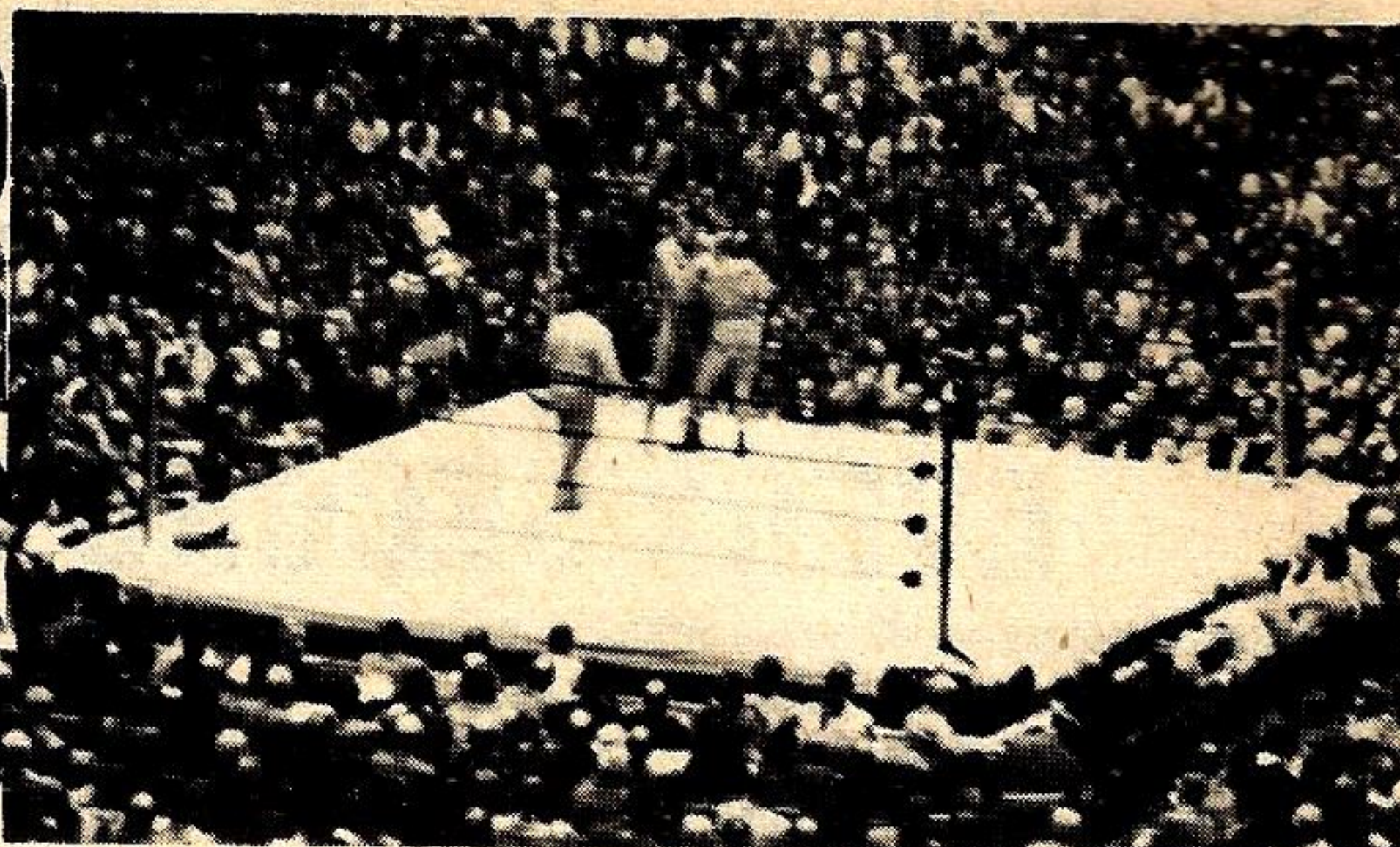


opponents in roughhouse encounters all over the midwest.

The Masked Crusaders, a scientific team, promising "to rid the sport of animals like The Wolfman and Wildman"...Freddie Blassie keeping new protege Chrusher Blackwell around eastern mats hoping to get him a match against popular Ivan Putski.

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YOUR LETTERS



GLAD HE'S BACK

It was so good to read Mike McCord's story about his triumphant comeback (THE WRESTLER/December 1975). Mike has always been one of my favorite wrestlers, even before the awful plane crash in which he was injured and Boddy Shane died.

I am sure, after reading his story, he will become a greater grappler than he was before. I speak for thousands of fans when I say I'm glad he is back in professional wrestling.

DAVID DAWSON
Orlando, Florida

BRUNO WOULD WIN

After reading your story "Will Andre Destroy the Legend of Bruno Sammartino?" (THE WRESTLER/November 1975) I really got mad. While I will admit Andre is a great wrestler of superstar status, there is no man on earth who can beat Bruno, the living legend. Andre is good, but Bruno is the best!

ALLISON BEALE
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

ANDRE WOULD WIN

A match between Bruno Sammartino and Andre the Giant certainly would be interesting (THE WRESTLER/November 1975). However, as the article says, it won't occur in the near future.

But if someday, the W.W.W.F. decides a match between the two grappling greats must be made, I would have to pick Andre as the possible winner. His style and size are definite advantages over Bruno. Besides, if Sammartino has to lose his title someday, it may as well be to someone as great as Andre the Giant!

GARY WILSON
Flowerfield, New York

WHO'S KING?

I don't understand why you feel Jerry Lawler and Ernie Ladd must



Fans are split over whether Ernie Ladd (above) or Jerry Lawler (below) deserves to be called the "King of Wrestling."



meet to determine who is the "King of Wrestling" (THE WRESTLER/December 1975). I think it is obvious to anyone who has seen both men in action Ernie Ladd is indisputedly the King!

The sooner you realize this fact, the easier the crown will rest on Ernie's head.

JAYNE WEBB
Arlington, Virginia



Can Bruno Sammartino (above) defeat Andre the Giant? Or will Andre finish Bruno? Fans hotly debate this big question.

WRITE A BOOK!

I would just like to say a few things about N.W.A. champion Jack Brisco. He is "a man of a million words." It takes that many just to give a good description of him.

If anyone decides to write a story about Jack, take my advice: Write a book, because Jack Brisco deserves it.

NASHALA FITZPATRICK
Canton, Georgia

WELCOME CALHOUN

I was very happy to hear of the return of the 601 pound Haystacks Calhoun to the W.W.W.F. area. With his "Big Splash," he may very well be the one man who could clean up the

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CORRESPONDENTS Reports

CALIFORNIA NEWS By Larry Barnhizer

EXCITING WRESTLING MATCHES were held all over the Golden State recently. Fans from Sacramento to Los Angeles to Modesto saw some of the most fascinating battles in a long while.

In the Los Angeles Olympic Arena, Gordman and Goliath battled The Infernos in a very tough match, with Gordman and Goliath winning when their opponents were disqualified for double teaming.

Modesto's Uptown Arena was the scene of the match between the Masked Invaders and Pedro Morales and Moondog Mayne. The grappling started with a series of leg and head locks by The Invaders against Morales and Mayne. At one point, The Invaders double-teamed Morales, but he broke free with an Arkansas Stomp off the top rope.

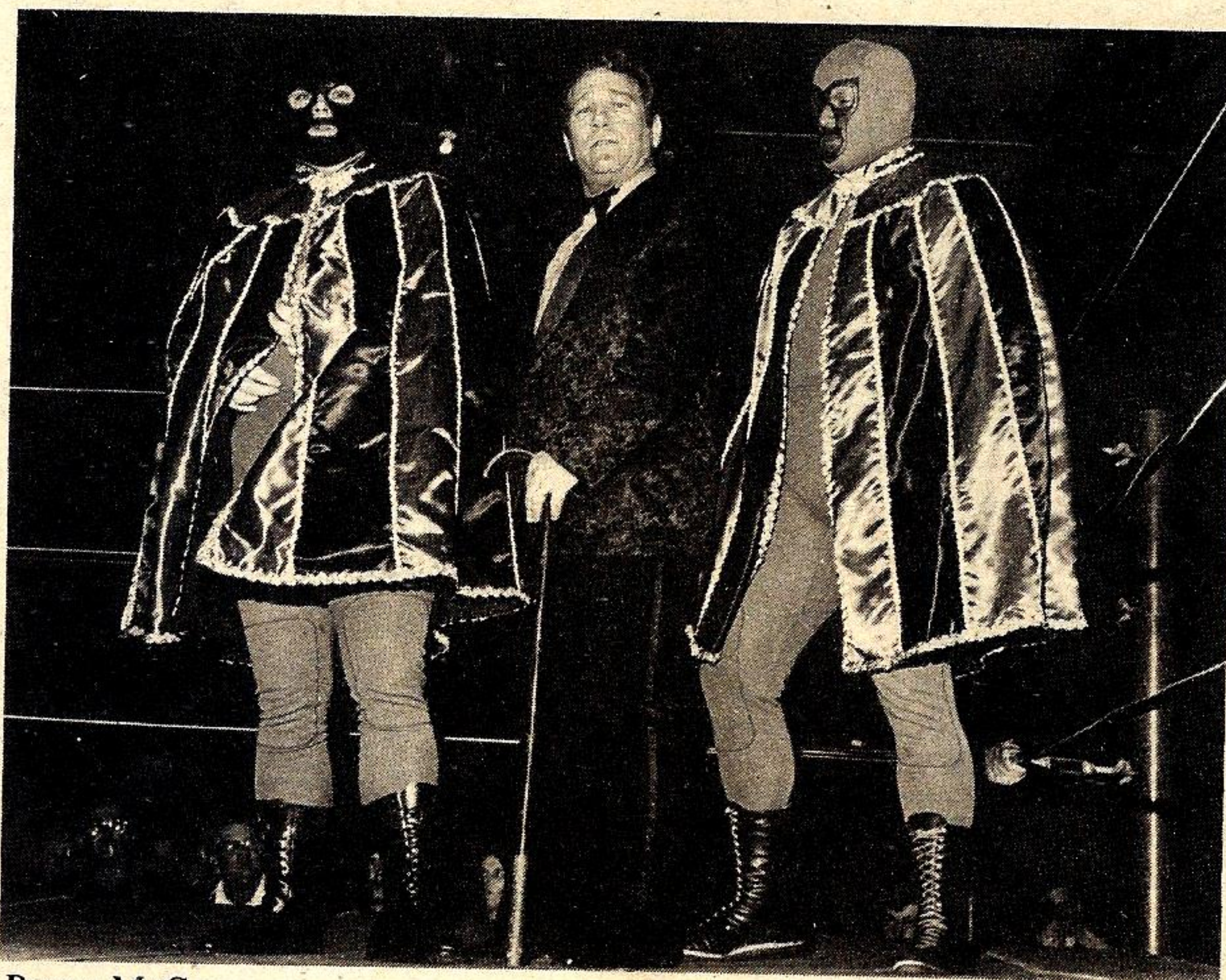
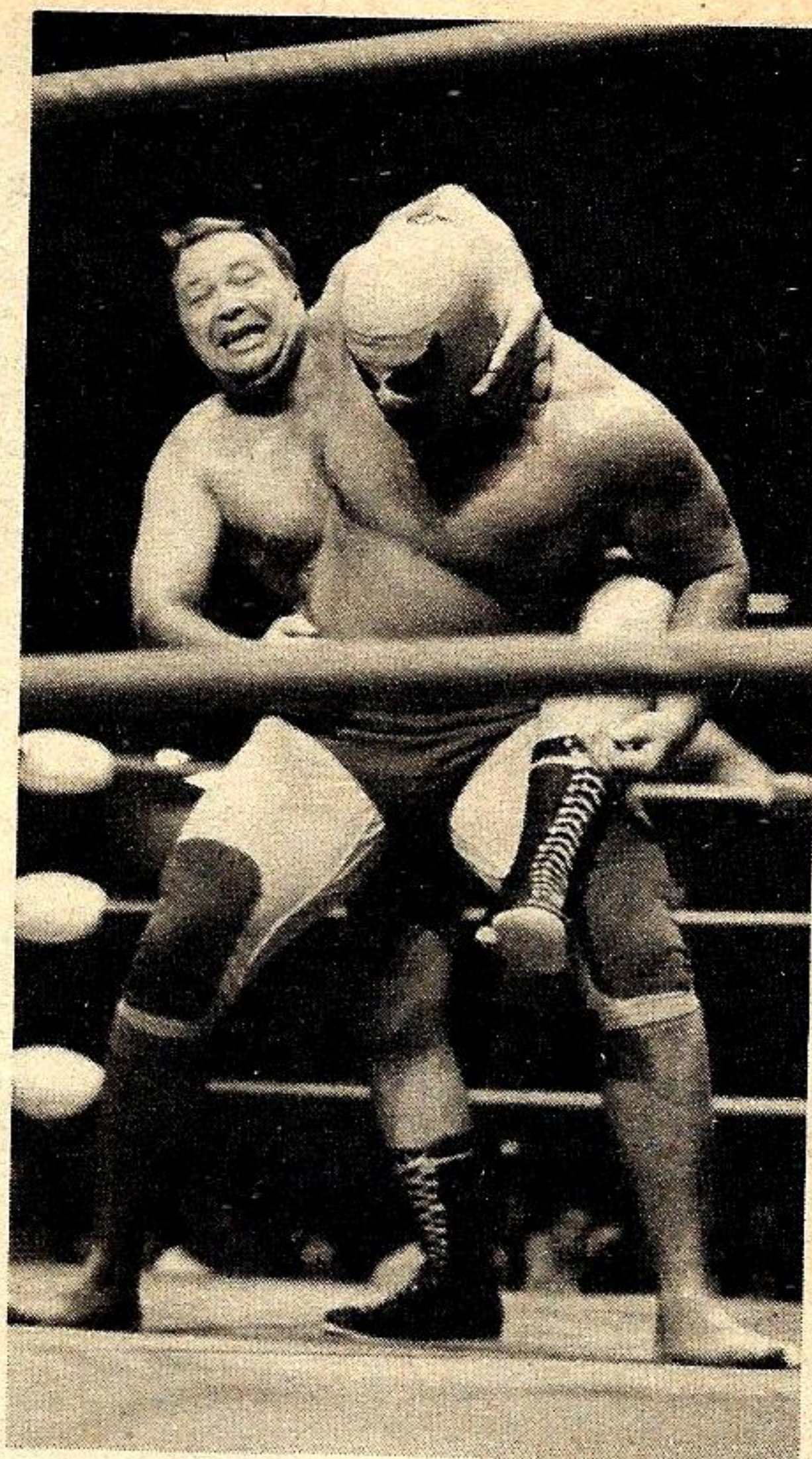
Finally, things got so wild the referee had to disqualify both teams, but not until he had literally been tossed outside the ring!

In other action in the Los Angeles area, upcoming rookie wrestler Chavo Guerrero made quick work of Mickey Doyle . . . Famous flying star Raul Mata, catching the attention of many fans with his acrobatics, could only manage a draw against tough opponent Frank Hester in a scientific confrontation . . . Louis Tillet won by disqualification over mysterious Hiroshima Joe.

NEW YORK REPORT By T.G. Nathan

Long Island's Nassau Coliseum hosted a title clash between World Wide Wrestling Federation Champion Bruno Sammartino and maniacal

Right: Louis Tillet is on his way to beating Hiroshima Joe by disqualification. However, the identity of Joe is still a dark mystery. Below: New Infernos, flanking manager J.C. Dykes, are waiting to meet Black Gordman and Goliath. The match that followed will be remembered by fans for many years to come!



Bugsy McGraw.

Oddly enough, when the bell sounded, McGraw took the advantage using good scientific holds. The fans applauded Bugsy as the puzzled Sammartino traded hold after hold with Captain Lou Albano's protegee.

Bugsy's rule abiding didn't last long, though, as he began to lose his advantage and go berserk, gouging Bruno's eyes and biting Bruno's forehead.

His crazed tactics took their toll on Bruno. The champion looked as if

he'd had it. But Bruno showed McGraw and the fans why he is champion by pulling out every bit of reserve energy and creamed Bugsy. Over and over he smashed McGraw with forearms.

Bugsy collapsed from the punishment. Bruno kicked him a few times and then lifted Bugsy up, body slammed him, and finished McGraw's title hopes for the evening.

Speaking of title hopes, Irish Pat Barrett and Dom DeNucci tried to

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YOU ASKED US

Okay fans. You asked for it and here it is. Each month either **INSIDE WRESTLING** or **THE WRESTLER** will publish *your* column—"YOU ASKED US." Just jot down a question and the wrestler you'd like us to ask it to and send it to: **You Asked Us, THE WRESTLER, P.O. Box 58, Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11571.** Questions will be answered only in this column.



Alberto Madrill (above) claims he likes pretty and intelligent girls. Pampero Firpo (below) says his clawhold is superior to the one Baron Von Raschke viciously uses in wrestling.

Q: Some friends told me there was once a tag team named Lewin and Curtis. Are they talking about arch-enemies Mark Lewin and King Curtis?—Peter Spasser, Toronto, Ontario

A: No, they're not, Pete. Mark Lewin used to team regularly with Don Curtis. Together they formed one of the most dynamite tag teams in the world.

Q: Is Killer Kowalski still wearing a mask?—Larry Burdock, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

A: Yes, but only when he is actually wrestling. "It keeps my vicious opponents from pulling my hair and my ears," Killer explains. Not too many people accept this explanation though—it seems Kowalski likes to hide foreign objects in the mask.

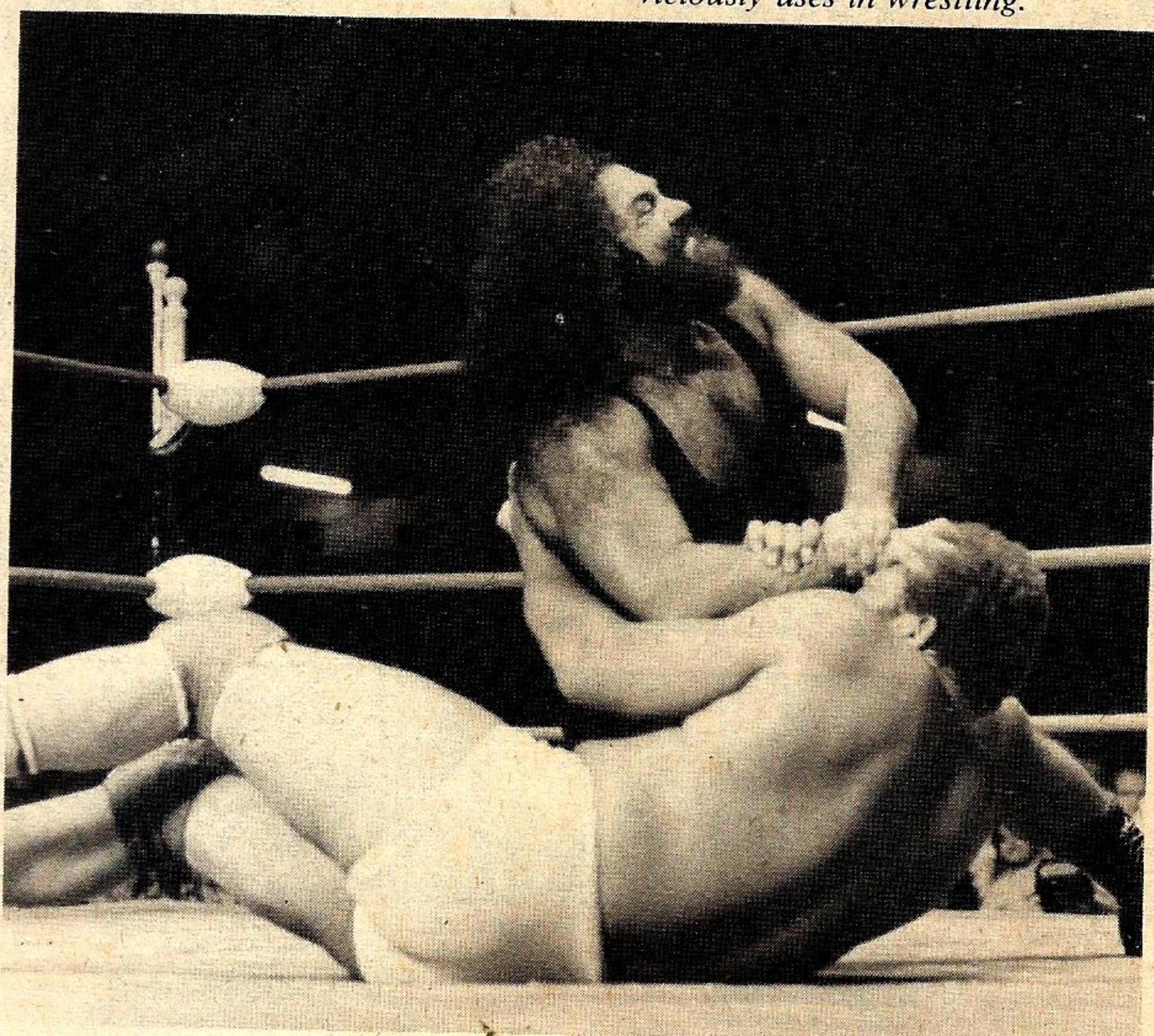
Q: Will manager Buddy Colt, injured in an air crash some time ago, ever wrestle as he did before the accident?—Mike Goldstein, Miami, Florida

A: Colt's injuries have healed somewhat. He hopes to be fully recovered and get back into the mat wars in the not too distant future.

Q: What kind of girls does Alberto Madrill like?—Marian Jimenez, Houston, Texas

A: "Pretty and intelligent girls!" young Alberto exclaims.

Q: How does Pampero Firpo's "El Gorfio" clawhold compare with Baron Von Raschke's "Iron Clawhold"?—Patrick McGowen,



Indianapolis, Indiana

A: "My El Gorfio ees de best claw in de world!" exclaims Firpo. "De German Claw ees in no way as good!" Von Raschke claims his claw is the best. So you will just have to be the judge when the two of them finally square off, Patrick!

Q: Are Omar Negro and Cyclone Negro related?—Curtis L. Butler, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

A: They certainly are, Curtis.

They're brothers.

Q: Where is Joe LeDuc these days and does he plan to wrestle in W.W.W.F. areas?—Francis De-laurentis, Shoemakersville, Pennsylvania

A: Joe is wrestling in Florida after a successful stint in Texas. As for W.W.W.F. appearances, Joe says, "I'd love to wrestle in that territory, but I've got a fairly long series of

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THE TERROR THAT GRIPS TORONTO

When a wrestler like Wolfman meets a wrestler like Wildman, you can be sure all hell will break loose!

PHOTOS BY BILL APTER

THE TORONTO NEWSPAPERS are filled with stories about the newest wrestling tag team to hit town. Editorials are being written demanding they leave the city as fast as possible, if not sooner. Fans are absolutely outraged. And the team of Wolfman and Wildman seem to be unbeatable!

Their reputation grows worse by the day. Many wrestlers have refused to step inside the ring with them. Reports of their mauling, scratching, biting and punching

opponents have scared even the bravest of wrestlers.

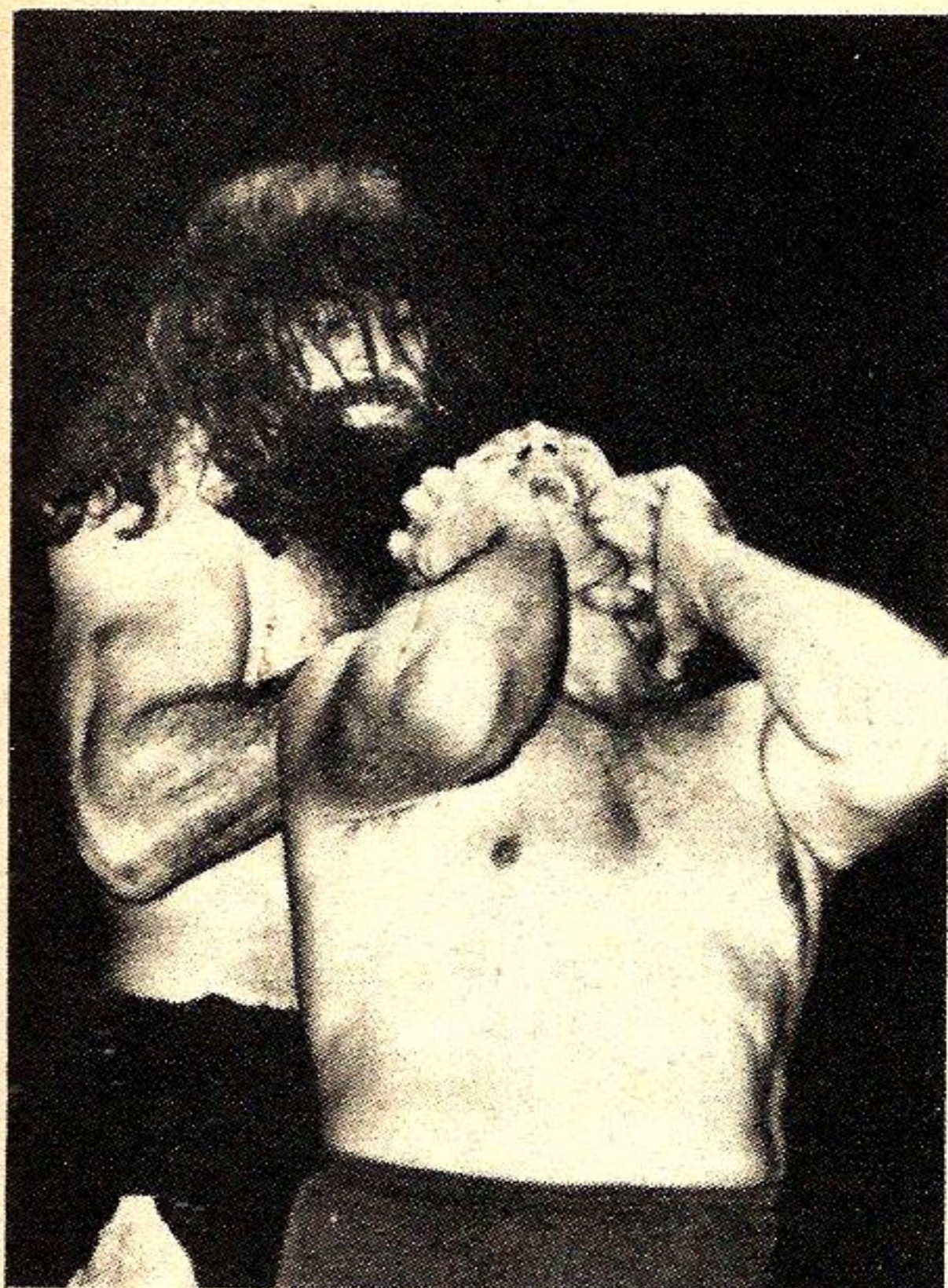
It is said that for the longest time, Wolfman wrestled alone, while searching for the perfect tag team partner. No one seemed to suit the hairy wrestler, or even wanted to team with him. He remained a lone wolf in the world of wrestling.

Wolfman had begun his strange wrestling career in the backwoods of the Yukon, where he was born. Because he had to scratch out his survival there, he grew wilder and

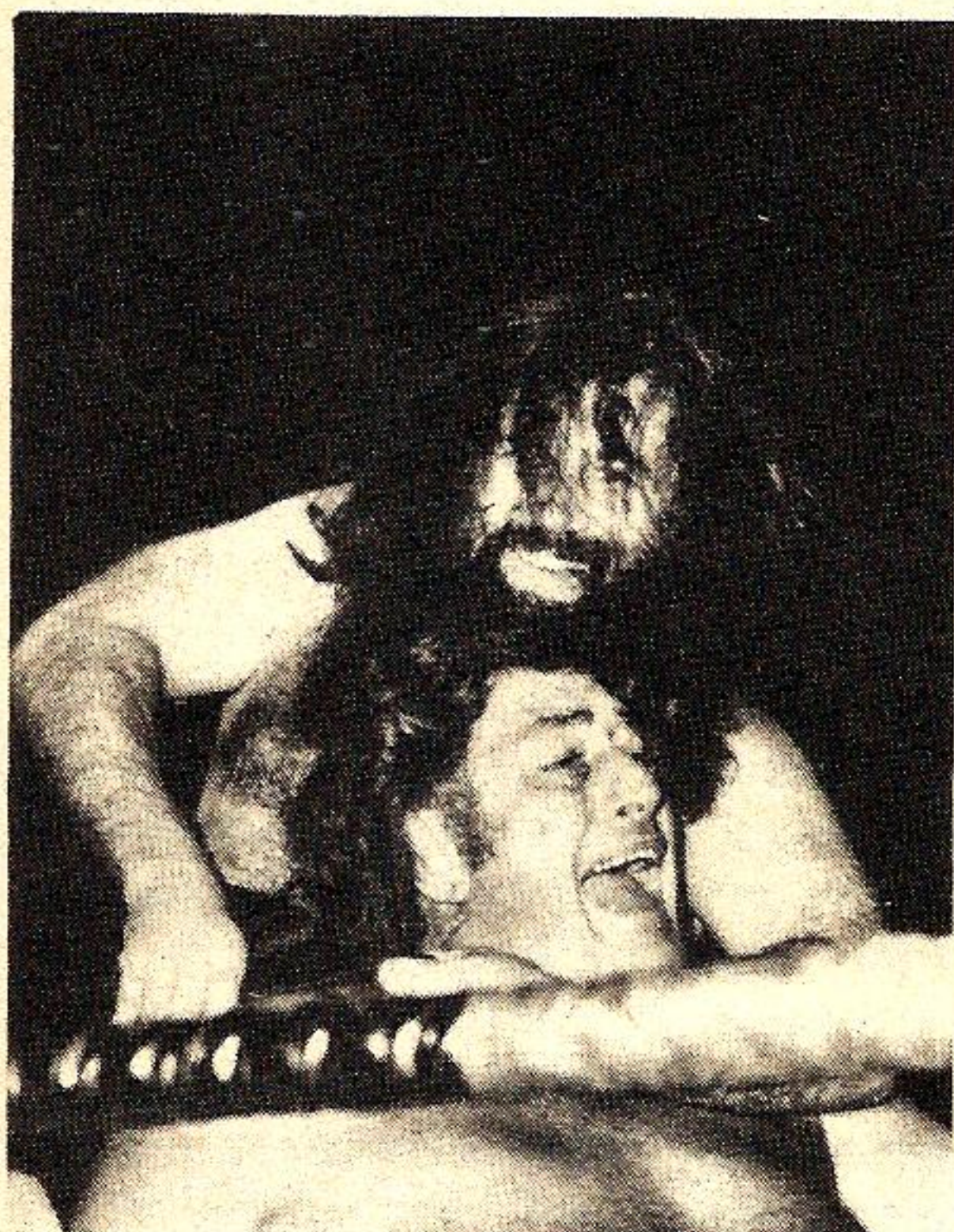
wilder as time progressed. He became more like the animals he hunted than a human being. Years ago, when he was finally faced with a choice of starvation or moving to another area, Wolfman left the Yukon and headed for Toronto.

He roamed the streets of Toronto for a few years, trying to get into professional wrestling, but did not succeed in the southern Ontario city.

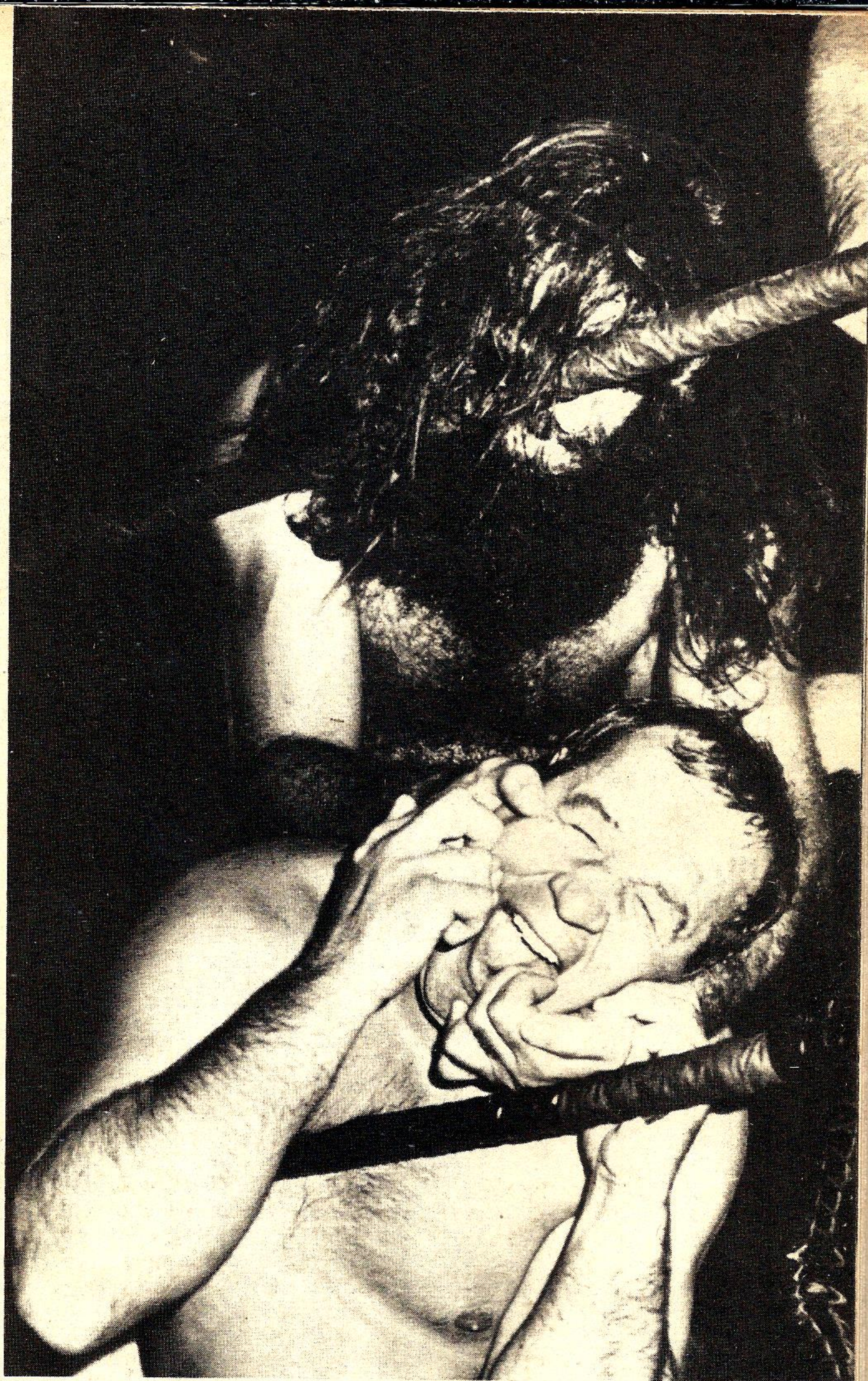
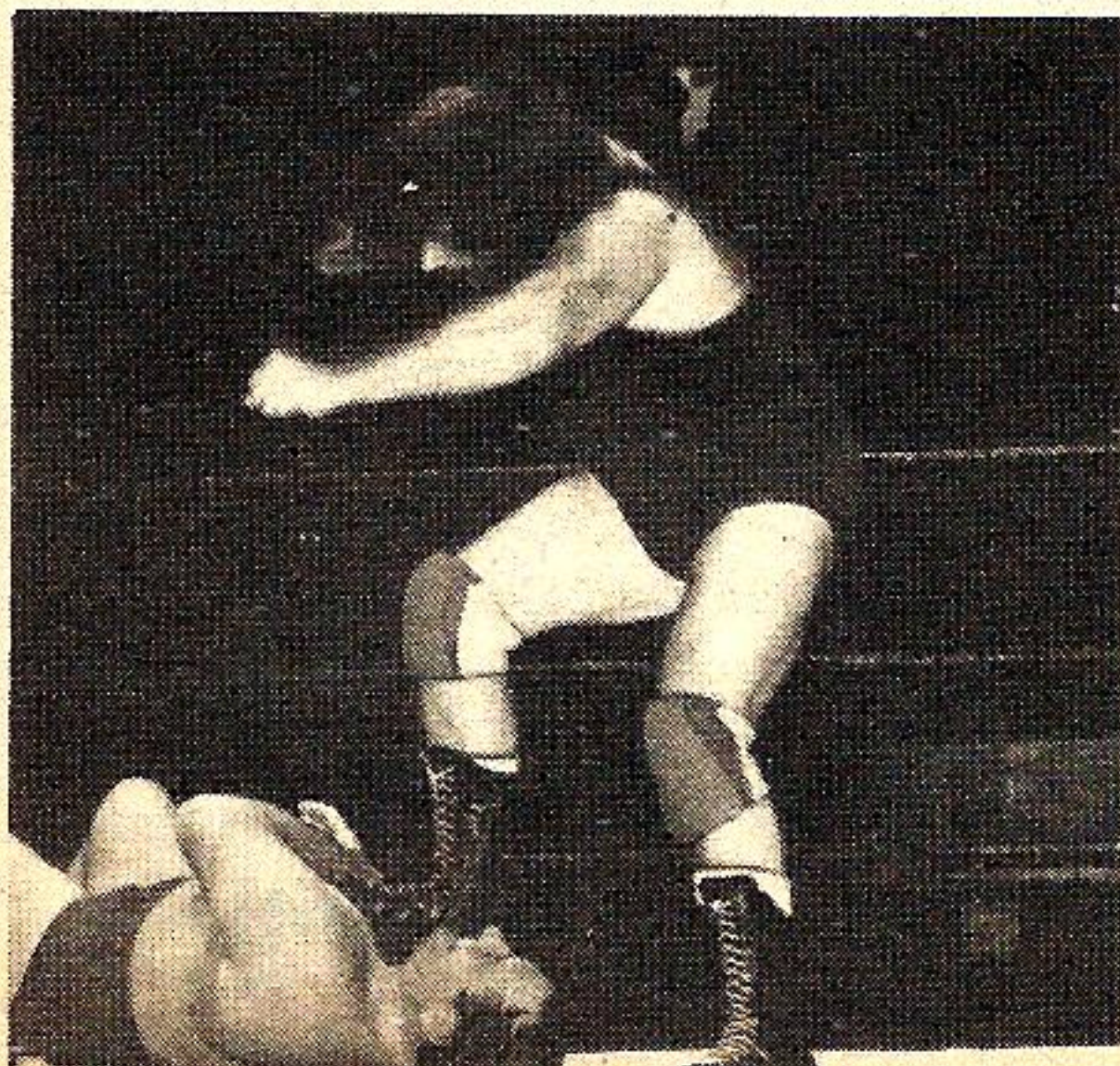
An acquaintance told him of a place in northern Ontario, near



Wolfman digs his fingers hard into Duncan McTavish's throat (above). Even when McTavish tries to seek the safety of the ropes, Wolfman continues to apply his death grip (right).



Wildman is elated to get the chance to choke Lord Layton (above) and grind his foot into McTavish's throat (below)—just typical maneuvers for this man!



Georgian Bay, that was looking for new wrestlers. So Wolfman went north and began his career in an arena near Algonquin Park.

Now, years later at that same arena, he recently met a ferocious grappler named Wildman. For many months the two observed each other, taking notes on the other's style and tactics. But the two never wrestled together.

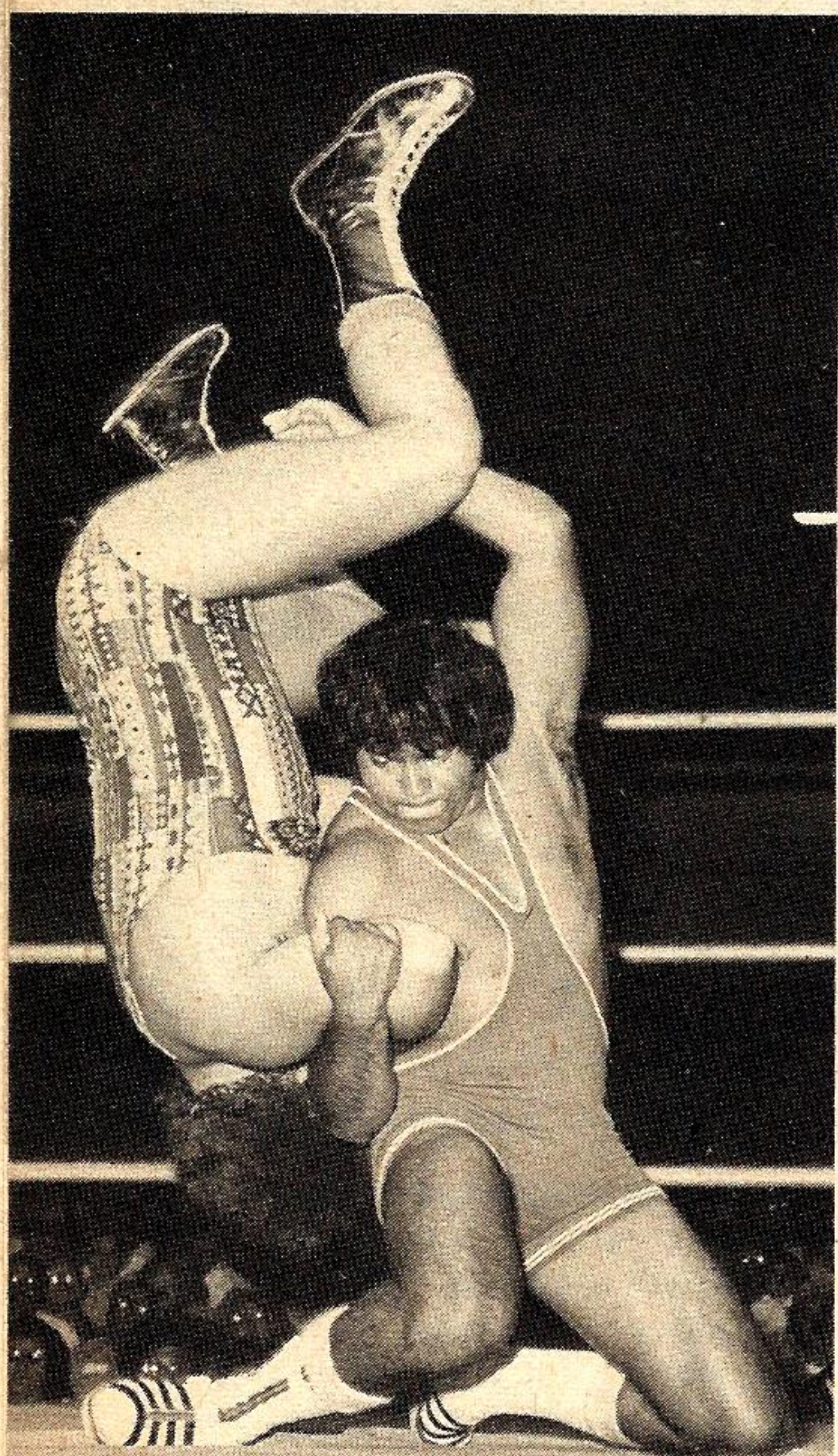
Due to a stroke of good luck, a promoter found Wolfman in his northern residence, and started him

on a tour of wrestling arenas around North America. It is during this period Wolfman began to search for the perfect tag team partner. He was looking for a grappler with a style similar to his, but no one even came close.

Wolfman's tour eventually led him back to Toronto. By this time, Wildman had also migrated south to the metropolitan area. The two met up one day in a gymnasium. Immediately, Wolfman suggested to

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THE MILLION DOLLAR ROOKIE



Chavo Guerrero makes quick work of opponent Mickey Doyle with a powerful backflip to the mat!

NONE OF THE wealthy businessmen and government dignitaries needed to be told how important an athletic championship is to a nation's reputation. A world title holder brings honor to all his countrymen. Each man present had benefited from the international reputation of Mil Mascaras, wrestling champion.

The men gathered to bring yet another wrestling honor to Mexico. They came to meet Chavo Guerrero, a young man with exceptional wrestling skill. They came with an offer they hoped Chavo would not refuse: they would provide all the funds he required—up to \$1 million—in order for the young athlete to capture the N.W.A. wrestling championship.

They explained how his title would bring Mexico millions of dollars in publicity and prestige. Even Chavo's hometown of Juarez would be visited by members of the world press, bringing this area of Mexico international renown.

Chavo listened intently as they promised him everything a wrestler

could ever hope to have. He would have use of a private gymnasium and funds to consult wrestling experts all over the world. He would have every advantage money could buy. Chavo didn't even have to pay the men back; he has the option of returning a portion or all the money at his own convenience if his pride demanded. Every man there, however, was quite willing to never see their contributions again.

Finally, it was time for the young man to speak. One had to admire his poise in front of the most powerful men in his nation.

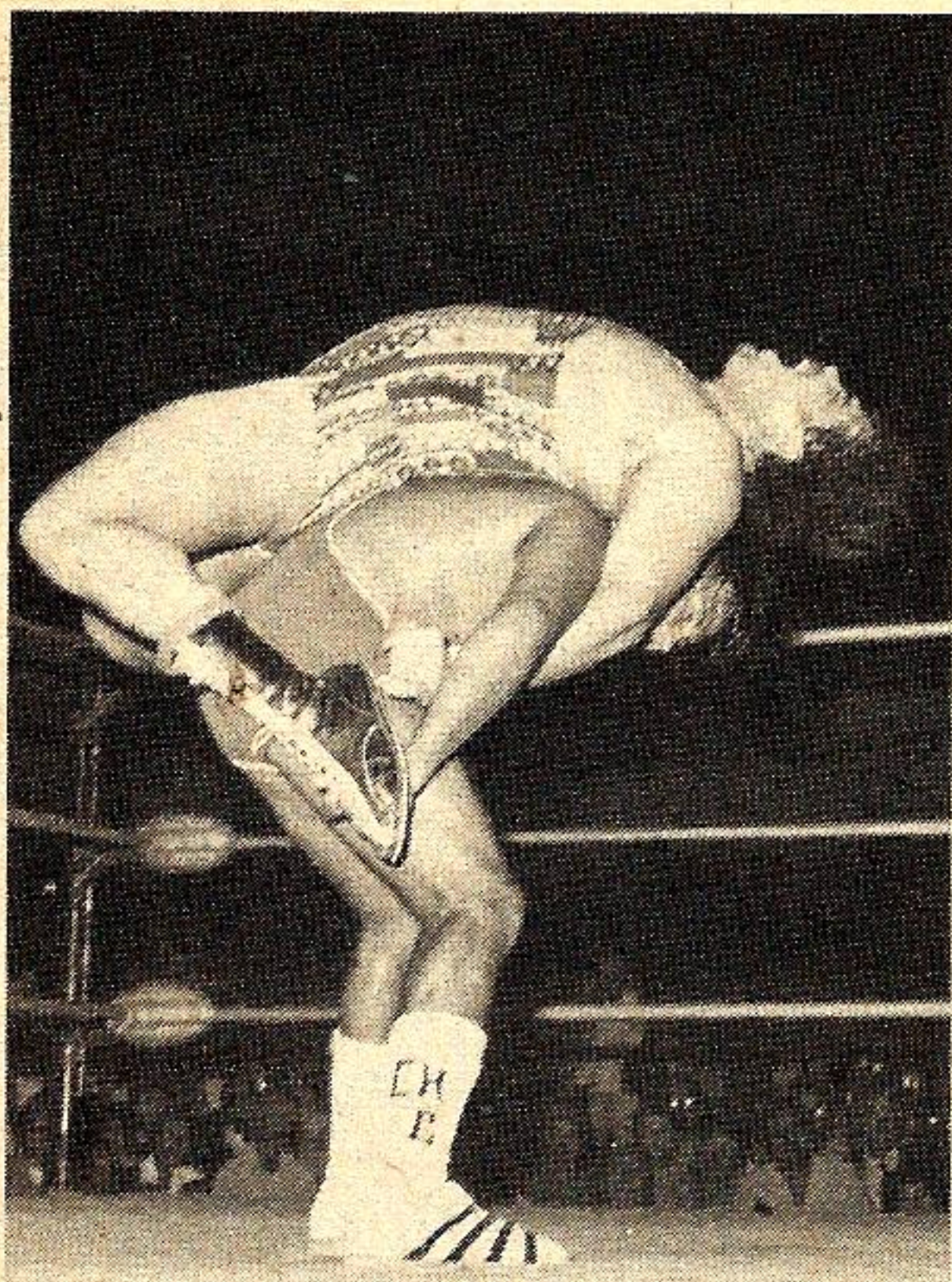
"Naturally," Chavo began, "this is the most thrilling day of my life. Most men never even dream of an offer like this. I won't pretend I'm not awed by this entire scheme. I've never even considered having this kind of money for my own.

"I also want to bring the N.W.A. championship to Mexico. It would give many people in my town a great thrill; I owe them all much for their many kindnesses. We are all after the same goal.

"However, I feel uncomfortable owing anyone this much money; I couldn't accept it as a gift. I could conceivably earn much more than any amount I could borrow. Your terms are incredibly generous. Yet I

The most respected men in Mexico are determined to make Chavo Guerrero the next N.W.A. champion. They are one million dollars determined!

PHOTOS BY THEO EHRET



Mexico's million dollar rookie uses an armlock (right) and a backbreaker (above) to defeat his opponent, Mickey Doyle.

wouldn't be able to say I made it on my own.

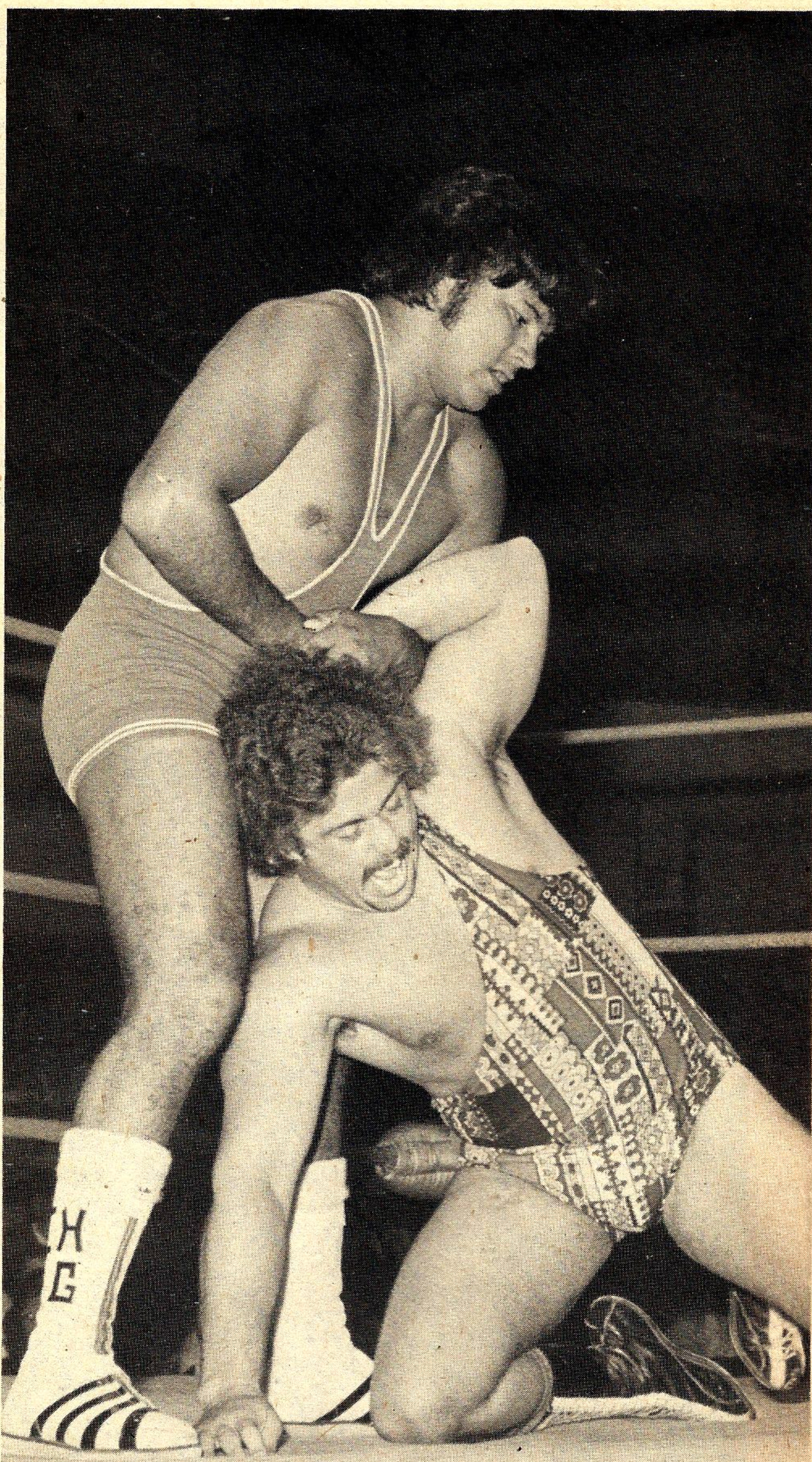
"Being a wrestling champion is a very personal accomplishment. I think you have to be a professional grappler to understand this. Maybe not—would any of you want to know your success was due to a gift from generous patrons?"

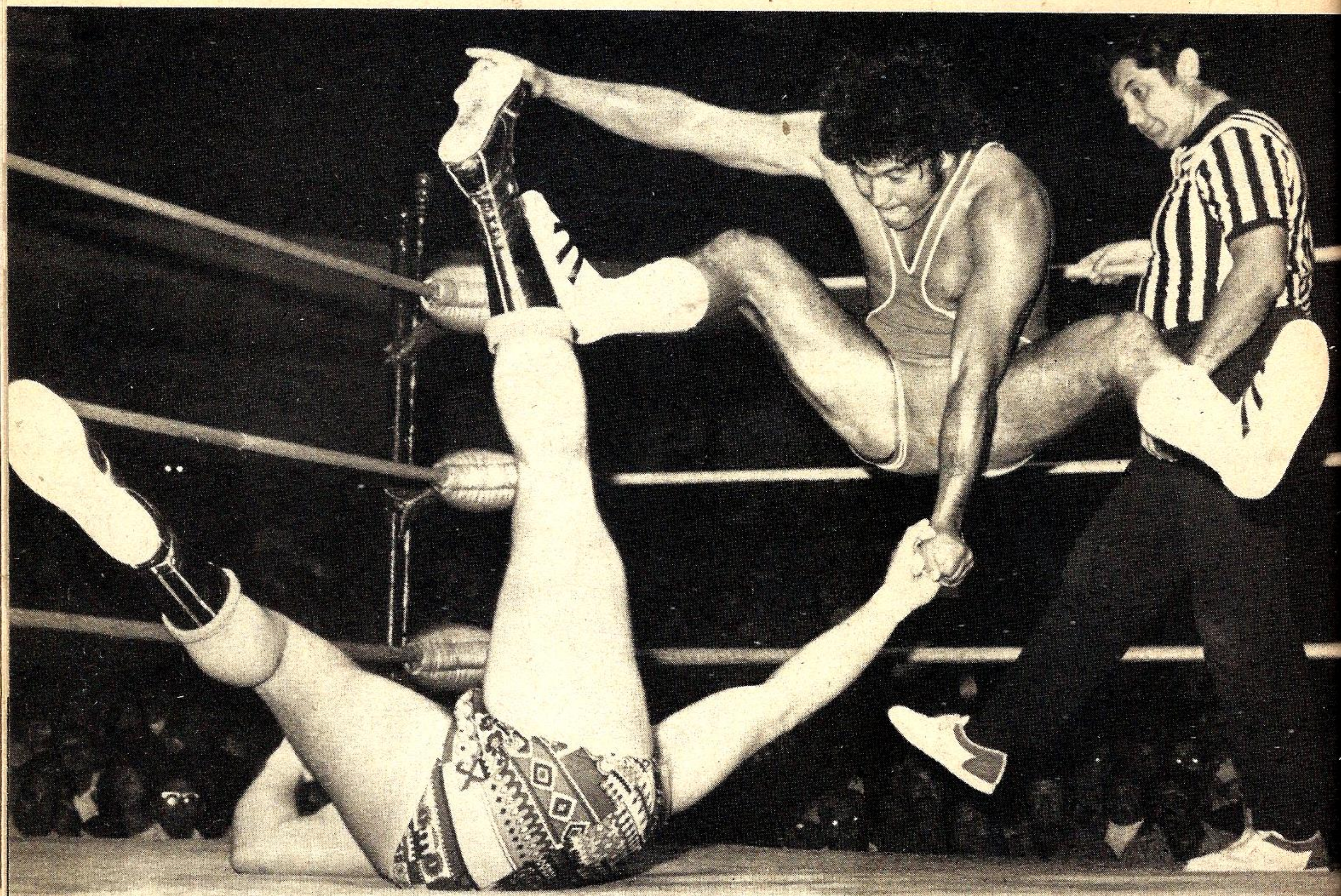
Chavo's eyes searched the room. The looks on the men's faces showed he guessed correct; none would be happy feeling indebted to another. Chavo was about to turn down the offer when one of the government officials spoke.

"May I remind you, young man," he said softly but with authority, "we are not simply discussing an athletic contest. We're considering national honor, something more important than any man in this room. What we are discussing tonight will effect every single one of our countrymen.

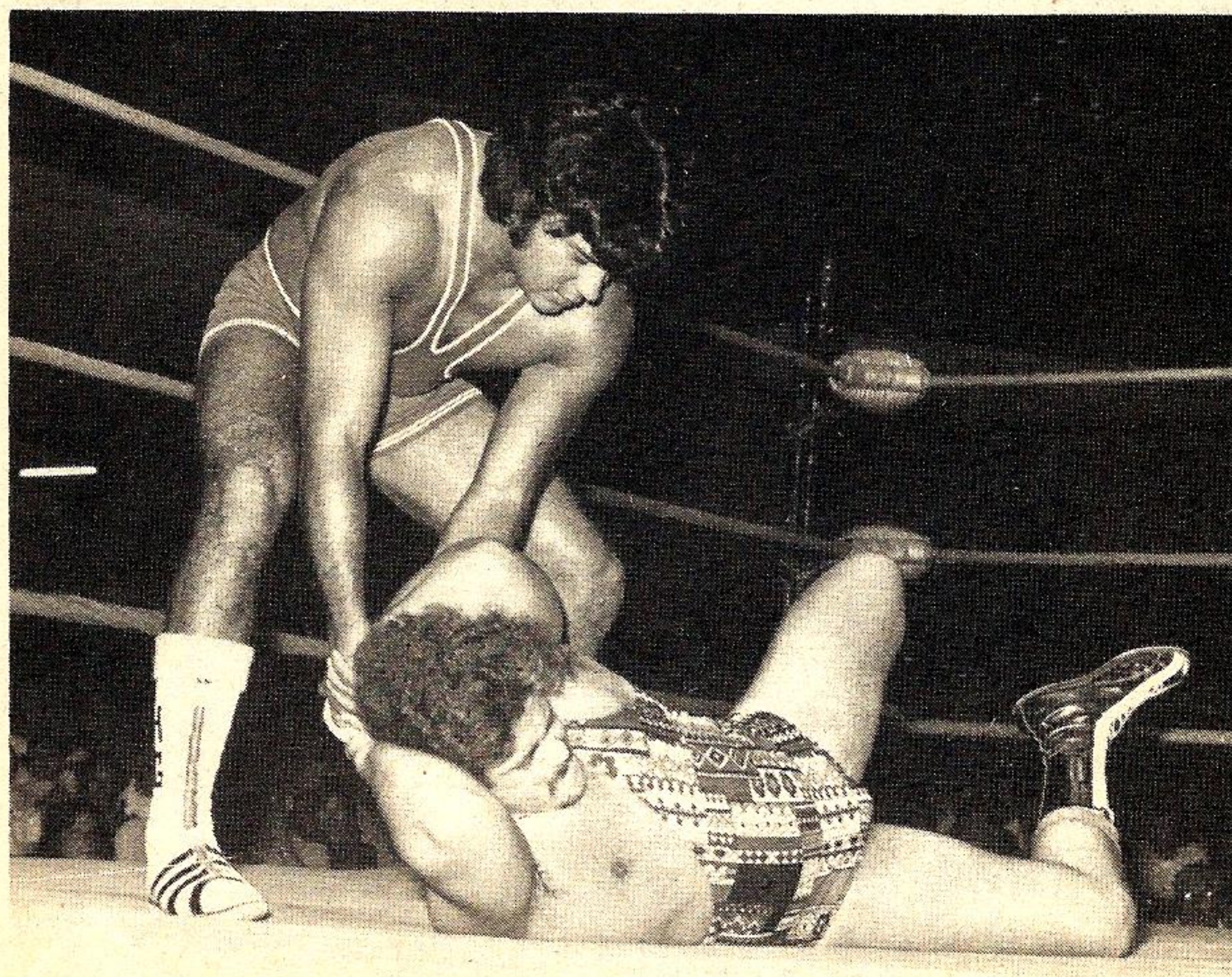
"We're approaching troubled times; the world is in a state of upheaval. Our people will need heroes to admire in the times ahead. Every success will be shared by multitudes. To jeopardize a single victory would be a criminal action against our nation.

"Chances are, Mr. Geurrero, you would become champion eventually. We would not waste our time and money here if we didn't think you were championship caliber. However, there are unforeseen problems which could rob you of





Chavo demonstrates his agility and aeronautic acrobatics on Mickey Doyle (above), then proceeds to give his opponent even more trouble with a headlock (below). Many powerful and influential men in Mexico hope Chavo can bring home a championship belt, thereby bringing more prestige to Guerrero's native country and to them!



your chance and our country of a hero.

"Money should be used to eliminate problems. You may never need a peso of our offering. However, if there are certain problems money could solve, buying the needed services to make your ascension to the title as quickly as possible makes sense. We are simply offering you funds to purchase the necessary tools. If you were a medical student, would you refuse a scholarship to a university?"

"The choice is yours," the venerated politician concluded. "You must choose between your nation or your pride. I think you'll agree that's no choice at all."

"Of course I realize," Chavo admitted, "my first duty is to my country. If I need your money, gentlemen, I'll ask for it. We are all united in aiding the people of Mexico!"

Chavo Guerrero has \$1 million to use in winning the N.W.A. championship. He may not use a penny of it; he may use it all. As a wrestler, he's a soldier for the nation of Mexico! □

GREG VALENTINE MUST BE PUNISHED FOR THIS

There comes a time when a wrestler's actions demand official condemnation and strong penalties. Greg Valentine must now pay the price for his savagery!

PHOTOS BY THEO EHRET

THERE ARE LIMITS to which a wrestler should be allowed to go. Indeed, what are rules made for in the first place? Certainly not to be broken by the likes of Greg Valentine.

This time Greg has gone too far. He has broken too many rules. Many people believe it is time he is either punished or banned or both!

Greg has steadily built a reputation for use of illegal tactics while wrestling. That is nothing new. But now he really has gone too far. But if Valentine is punished, his manager, Sir Oliver Humperdink, should be punished too.

In a recent cage match against Korean grappler Choi Sun, Greg showed the wrestling world just how vicious he can really be.

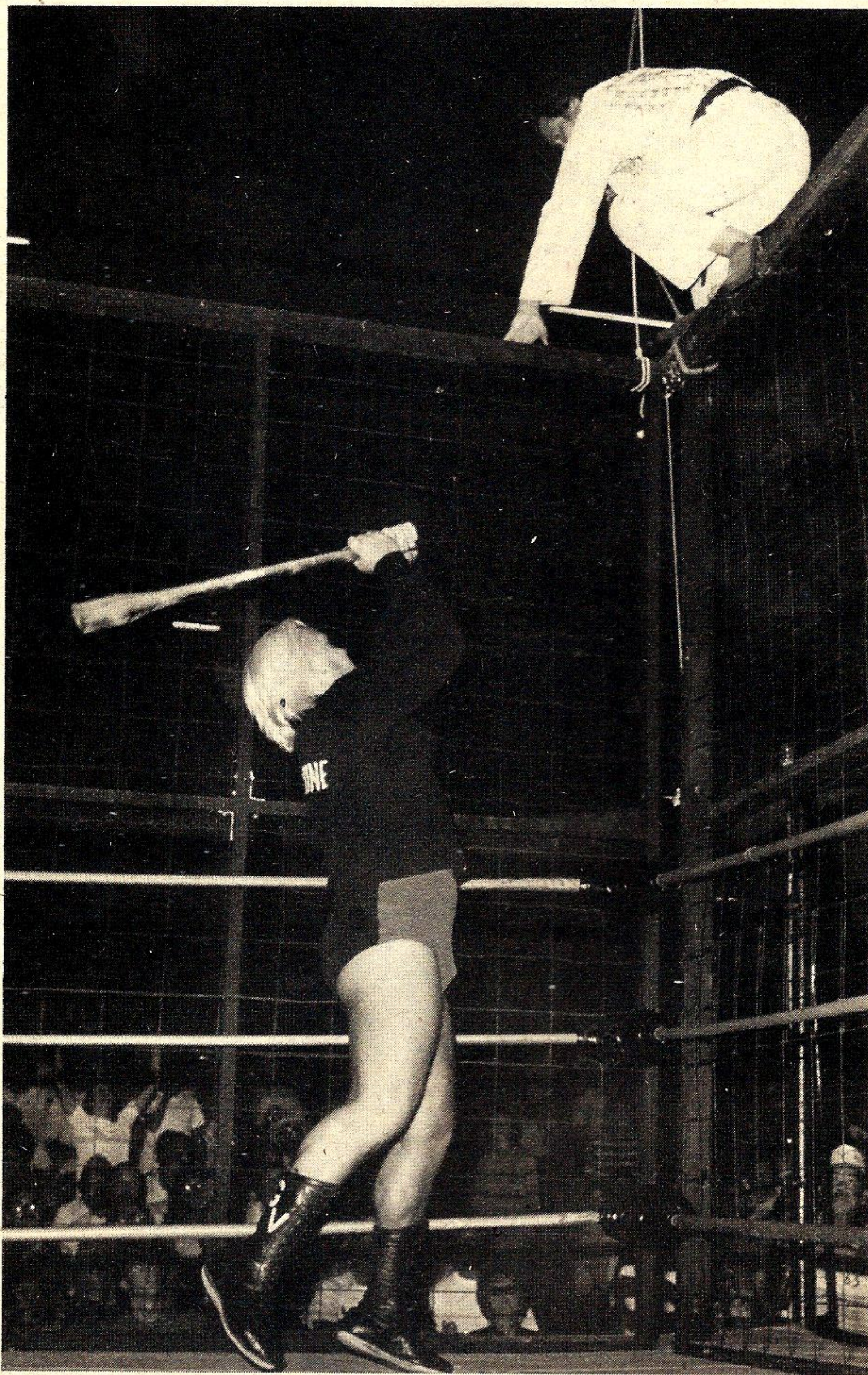
Most people thought Choi Sun would be a clear-cut victor in the cage match—if Greg stuck by the rules. However, no one would even venture a guess at the outcome if Greg lived up to his reputation.

Before the match, manager Humperdink said, "Greg will win this match fair and square, just like he wins all his other matches. This Choi Sun is not even close in ability to my Greg Valentine. Everyone knows that."

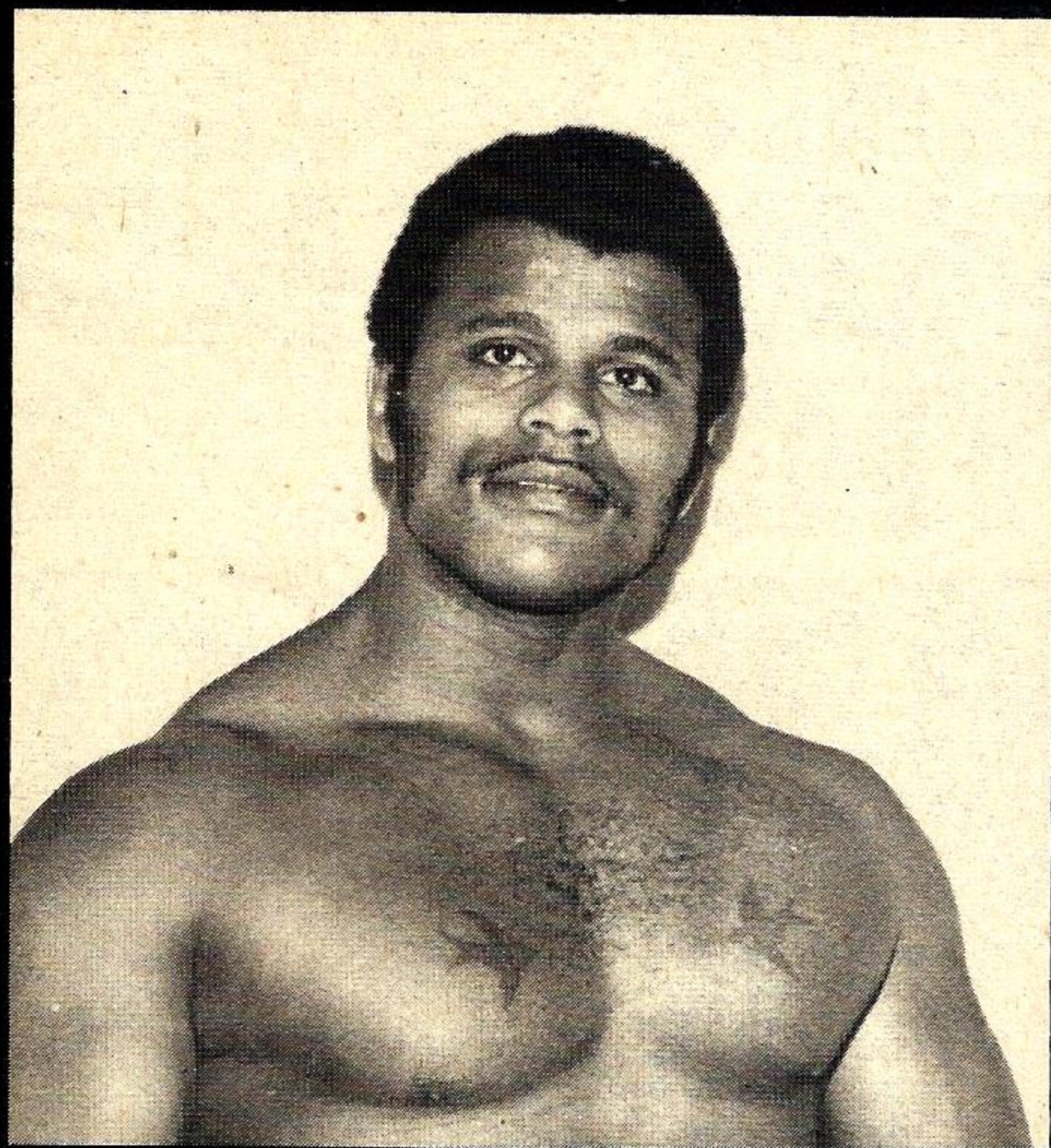
When asked if he would interfere if things went badly for his wrestler, Humperdink replied, "I never interfere. I go to a bout as just an extremely interested bystander. Greg can beat this guy all by himself!"

At that point everyone knew Greg was going to be up to his usual tactics

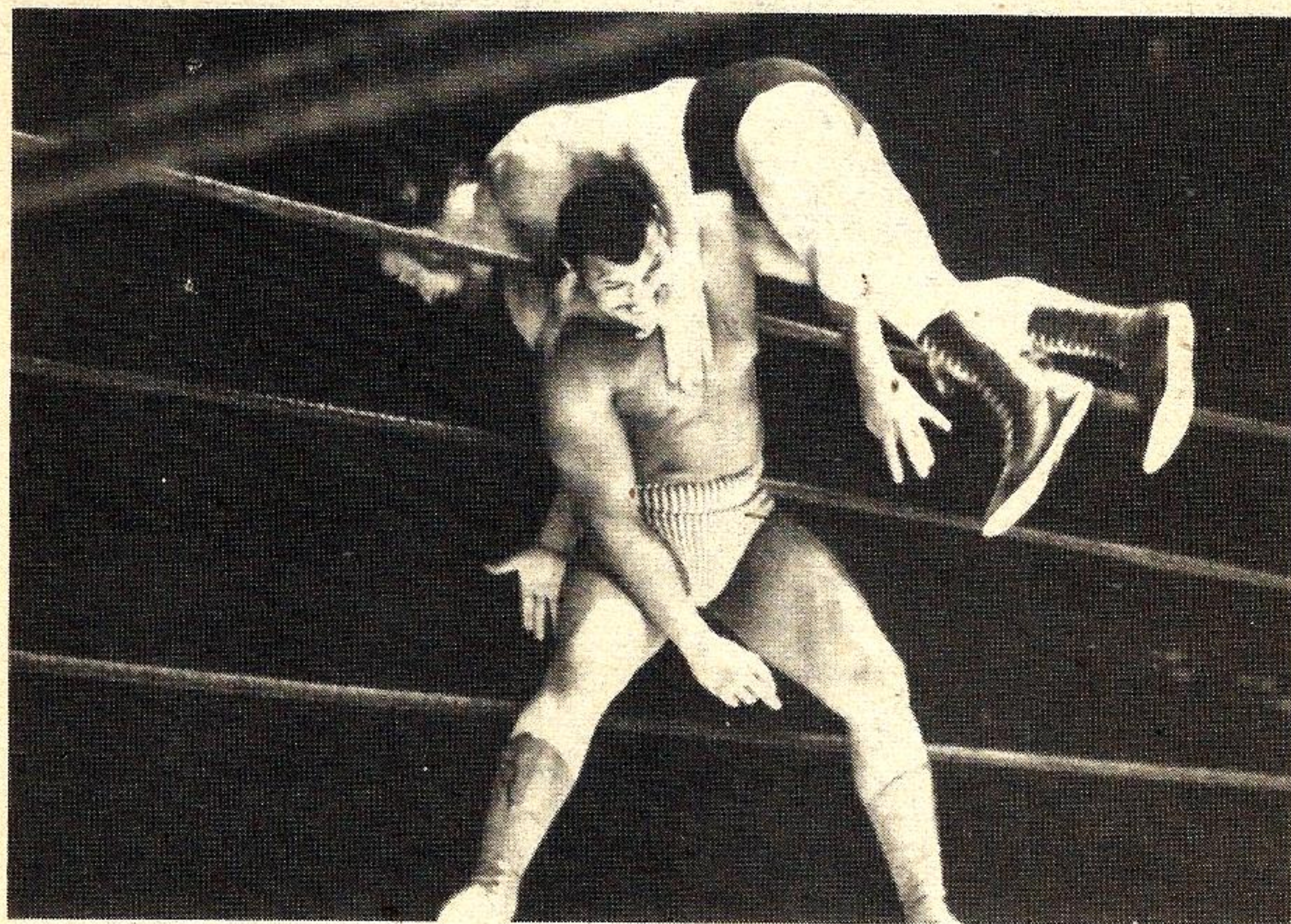
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Choi Sun leaps to the top of the cage after Greg Valentine comes after him with wooden bat! Choi Sun, along with everyone else, knows that Valentine wouldn't hesitate to smash his victim's skull until it was a pile of bloody bone. Should a man who uses a bat as a weapon go unpunished for this kind of dangerous maneuver?



"HOW PROFES WREST



BY ROCKY JOHNSON



Rocky is shown here in three of his most famous matches. Left: Rocky flings Ivan Kalmikoff over the ropes! Above: John Tolos is given a good pounding by Rocky's fists. Right: Rocky displays his flying techniques on Kojika in a match few who witnessed it will ever forget!

MY INTRODUCTION INTO professional wrestling came when I was 19 years old and living in Toronto, Ontario. At that time I lived with my mother and four brothers and had just graduated from high school.

All through my school years I was active in all kinds of sports, including football, soccer, hockey, swimming, and wrestling. I even won a speed swimming championship. But wrestling was my first love, so I turned to it for a career. It

seemed like a much more exciting and rewarding life than the one I was leading—driving a delivery truck for a fish market!

I went down to the Toronto YMCA after the careful prodding of a couple of professional wrestlers who I knew. From there I began training professionally in a gym in Hamilton, Ontario. I would train rigorously during the day and drive the delivery truck at night. It was a tough life, but I followed that routine every day for two years. Then I was

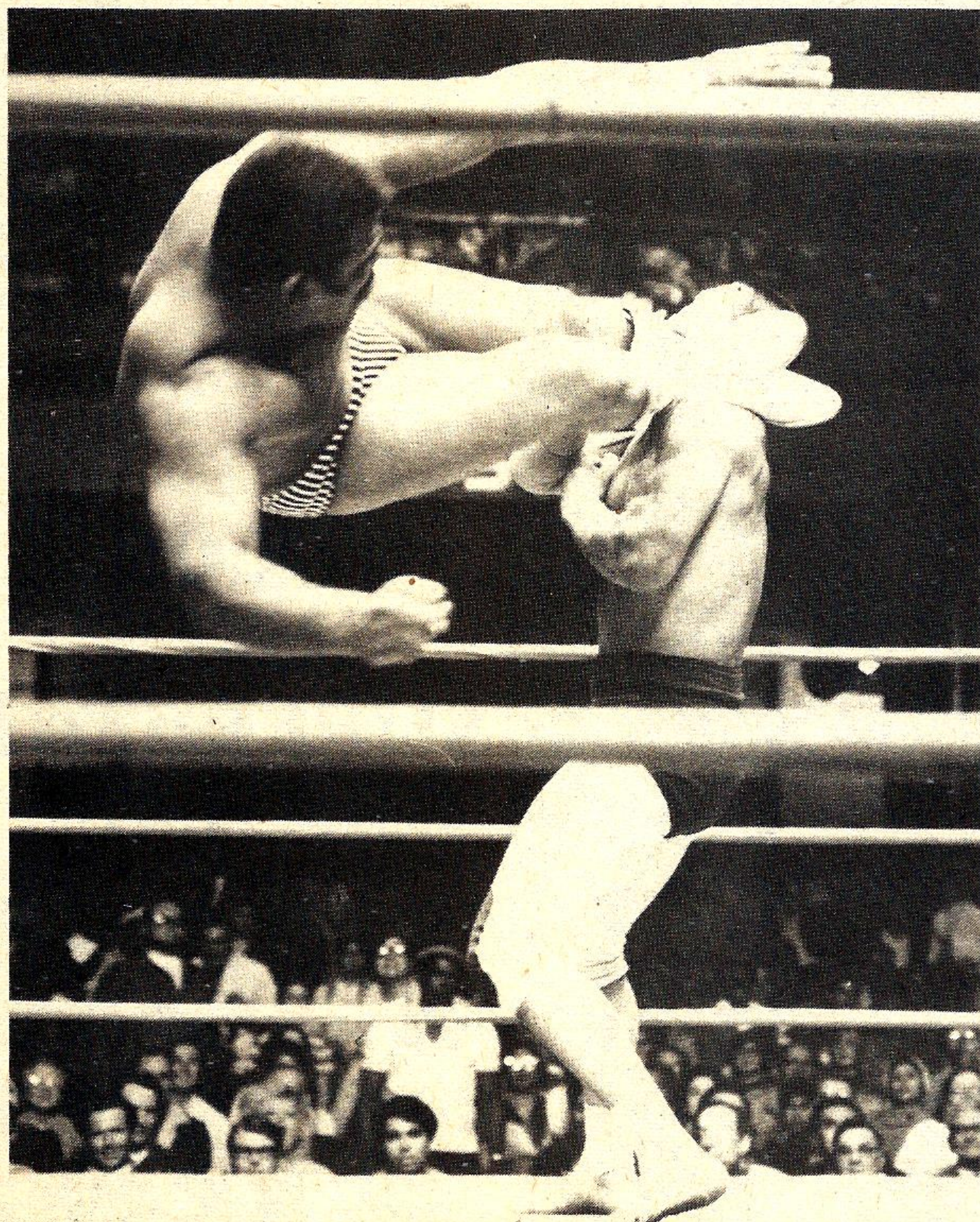
ready to make my professional debut.

My first opponent was Firpo Zybysco. I beat him in 47 seconds on a television bout broadcast in Toronto. Things went fairly well for me, but I still had to drive the fish delivery truck in order to make enough money to support myself and my mother.

Then my big break came. I left Toronto and went to the western part of Canada for a while. There I teamed with Sweet Daddy Siki and

I BROKE INTO PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING"

Our office is constantly flooded with letters asking how to become a professional grappler. We decided the only ones who really know are the professional wrestlers themselves. Therefore, each month a different wrestler will describe the trials and tribulations endured on the path to wrestling stardom



Don Leo Jonathan. Don Leo and I beat the Tolos Brothers and won the Canadian tag team championship. And I was still a rookie!

My career really started looking up after that. I went back to my native Nova Scotia and won the province's championship from Emile Dupree. Then I went on a very successful seven month campaign in the other maritime provinces.

My most memorable match in those early years came in Cincinnati, Ohio, when I wrestled in a grudge match against Bull Curry. It was the main event of the evening—a no-holds - barred, winner - take - all match. We were to battle until one man was no longer able to continue!

I will never forget that bout—it was the most brutal one I had ever been in up until that time. By the time the match was finished we were both bleeding very badly. Curry had hit me with everything he could lay his hands on—a piece of a broken chair, the timekeeper's bell and part of a ringpost. But I gave him a good run for the money in return. The referee finally had to break up the match and declare it a draw because we were both bleeding too profusely.

After that match I started wrestling all over the United States and Canada, and my fame kept growing also. But I still remember the tough times I had when my career was starting. □

It was the best of the good old days when John Tolos and Billy "Superstar" Graham once again became a tag team. The reasons behind the reunion will astound you!

PHOTOS BY JIM CALDWELL

IT WAS ALMOST too good to be true. John Tolos and Billy "Superstar" Graham were to be in Houston at the same time. The promoter who discovered this coincidence quickly took advantage of it.

He immediately picked up the telephone and called John Tolos. The mat star was taken aback by the news.

"A lot has happened since he and I were tag team partners," John said slowly. "There's been a lot of changes for both of us. Now you call and want us to team again. I don't know if we can still do it. Our styles have moved in different directions since we were last together."

"Would you be willing to give it a try?" the promoter continued.

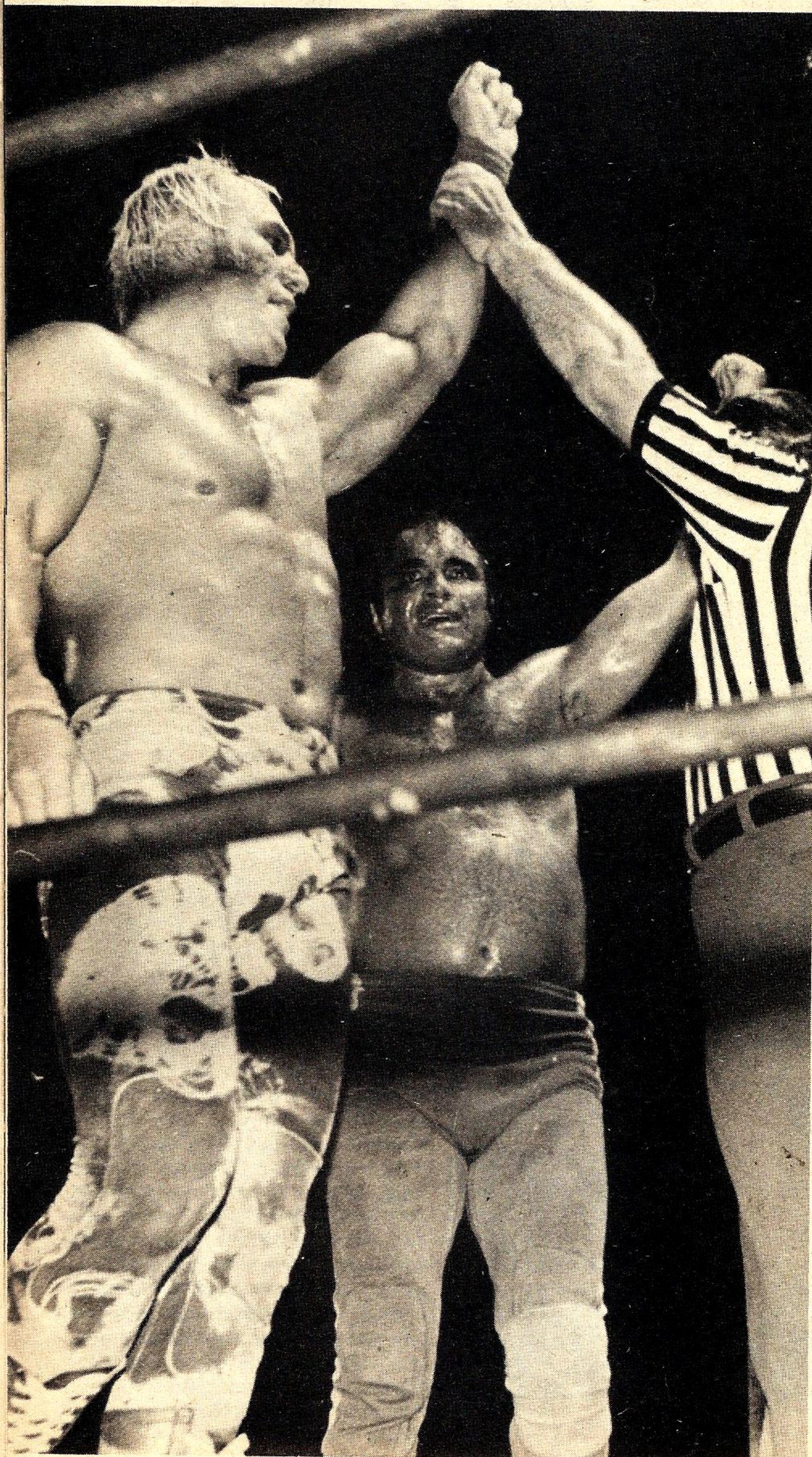
"I'm willing to try," Tolos promised, then added, "though I doubt Graham will bother. It would be too much trouble for him to adapt to me."

The promoter thought to himself, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." He immediately put in a call to Graham. Billy was less than

Since they have been teaming again, Tolos and Graham have had their hands raised high in victory. Yet, chances are their large egos will cause a split.

**TOLOS
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thrilled when told of the offer.

"You really want me to be Tolos' tag team partner, huh?" he asked softly. There was silence as he thought about it for a while. He finally replied, "I'd be willing only under certain conditions. Tolos would have to promise it would be a partnership; I'm no soldier in someone else's army. I have to agree on the opponents, also; I'm not here to settle Tolos' grudges."

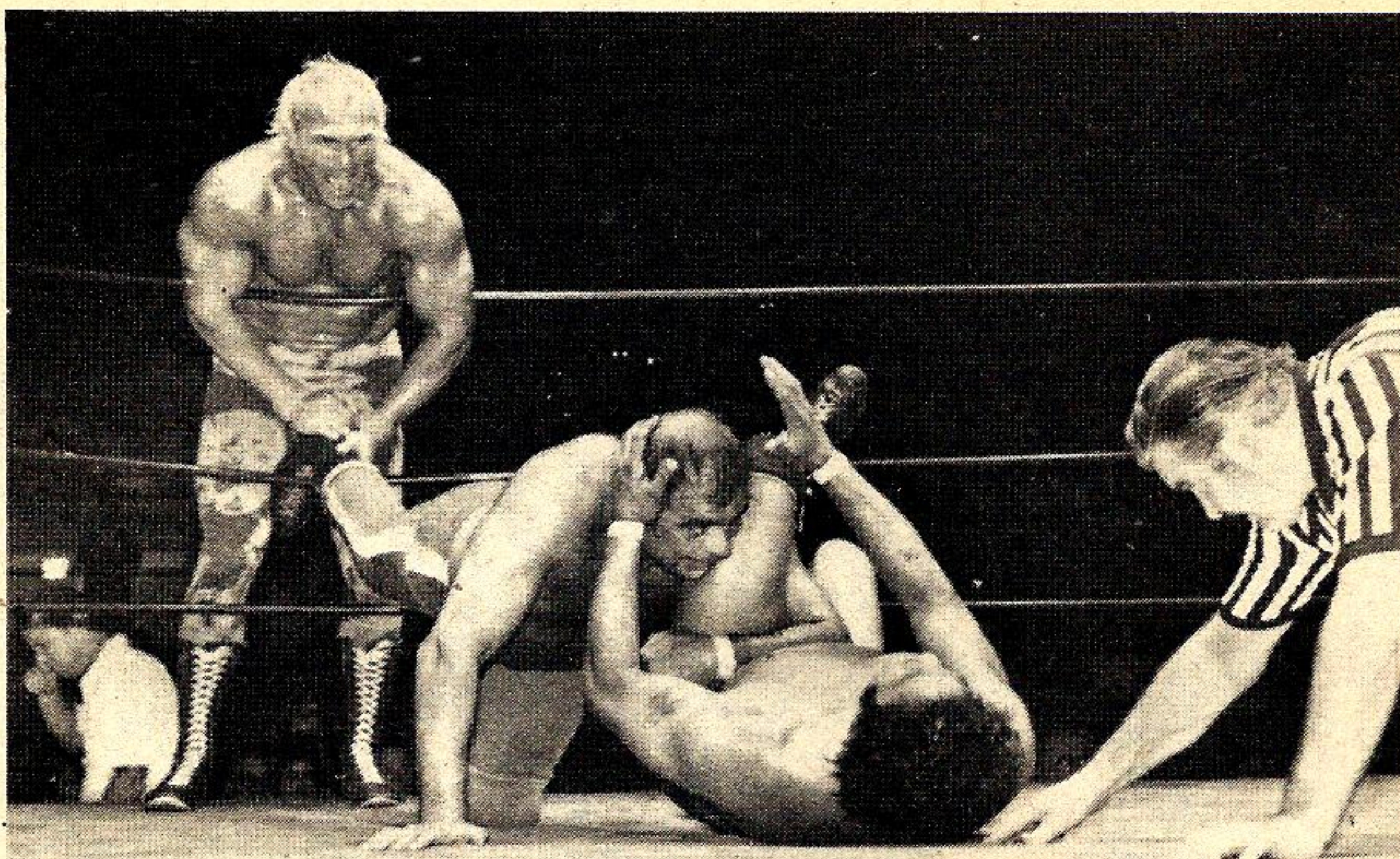
The promoter decided to have the two grapplers meet in the gym and discuss their differences. He had quickly learned why the two had gone their separate ways in the first place. Two egos of those proportions, each commanding the other follow his lead, could not exist together long.

It was pity, the promoter mused, two such superb athletes, with styles seemingly perfect for one another, couldn't make it as team. He remembered seeing them when they were together. Their skill, coordination, and cunning left fans overwhelmed by admiration. Even their ruthless tactics could be forgiven. They were that good!

So the promoter had them agree on a time and date to meet. Both men were late, neither wanting to wait for the other. In this ridiculous test of superiority, Graham managed to be later than Tolos. Graham's childish victory put John in an ugly mood.

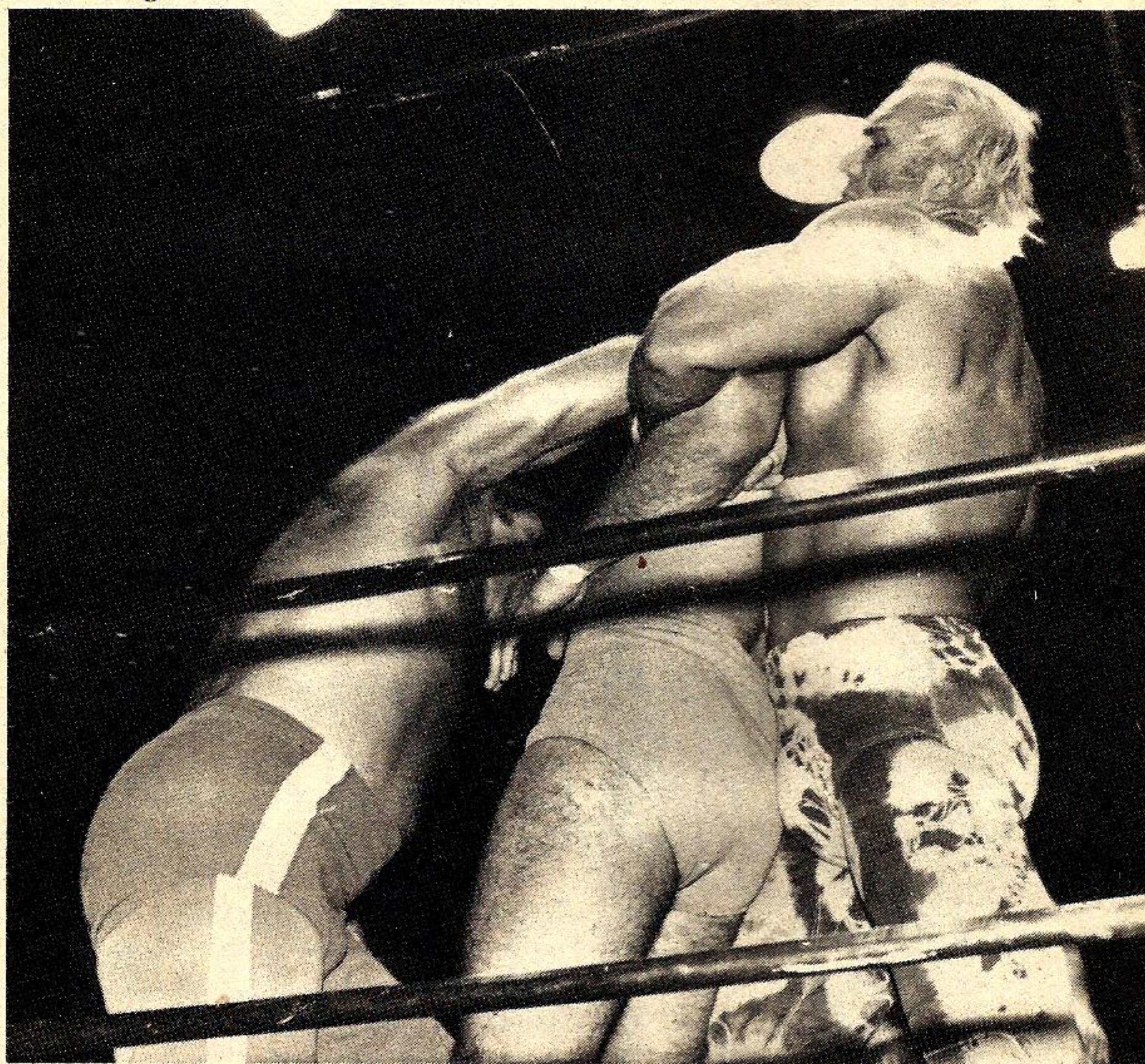
The mood was dispelled within two minutes. To break the ice, Billy started to innocently reminisce. Soon the two men were savoring the memories of conquest, recalling the names of savaged victims. Before long, both were once again the best of friends.

This comradery lasted only so long as they got into the ring. They had each perfected many new maneuvers since they last wrestled together. One would dictate how they should wrestle and the other

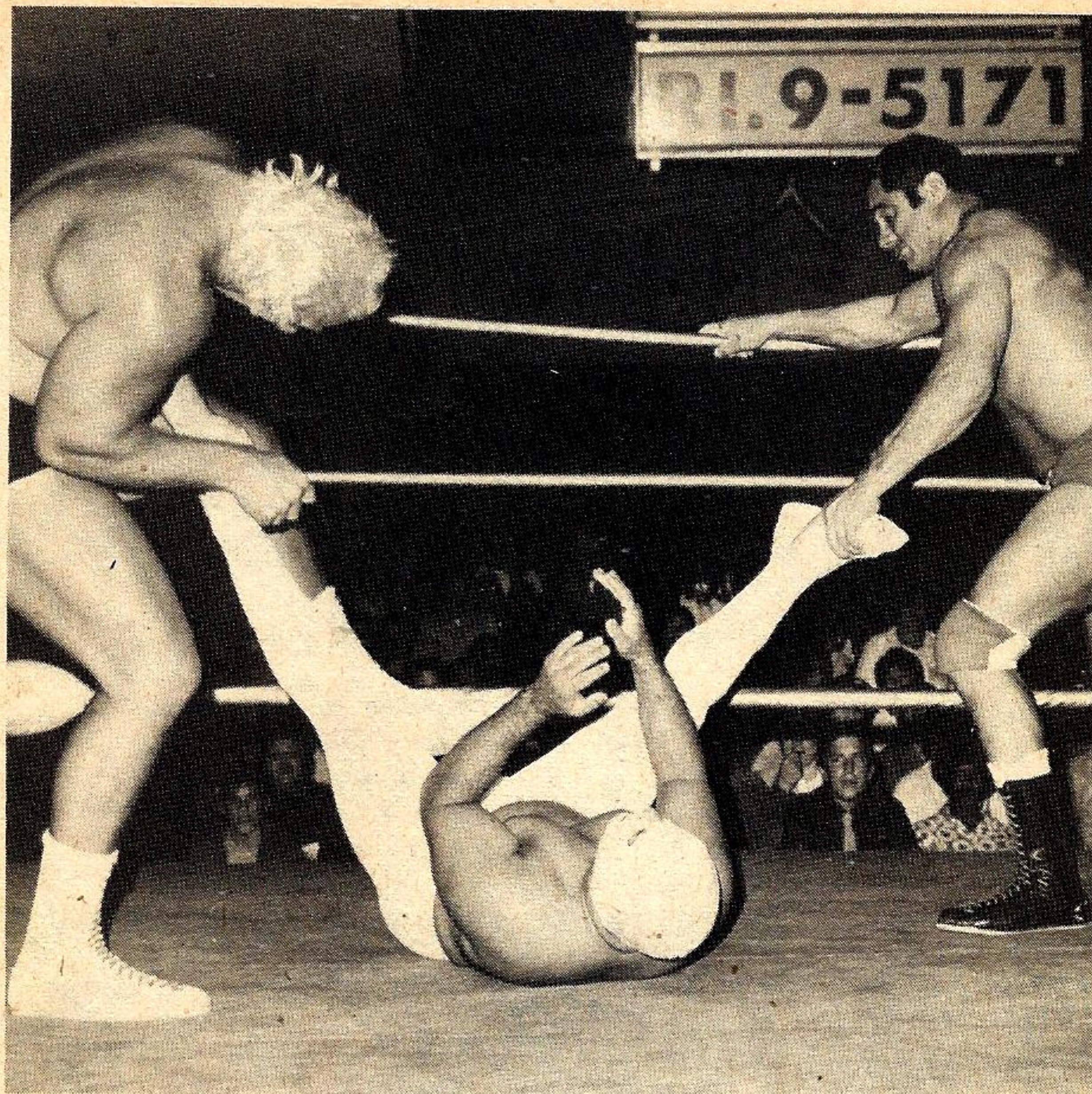


Above: Billy Graham maneuvers John Tolos' leg to make it easier for Tolos to pin Alberto Madril. Luckily, the referee saw the illegality before he awarded the fall to Graham and Tolos!

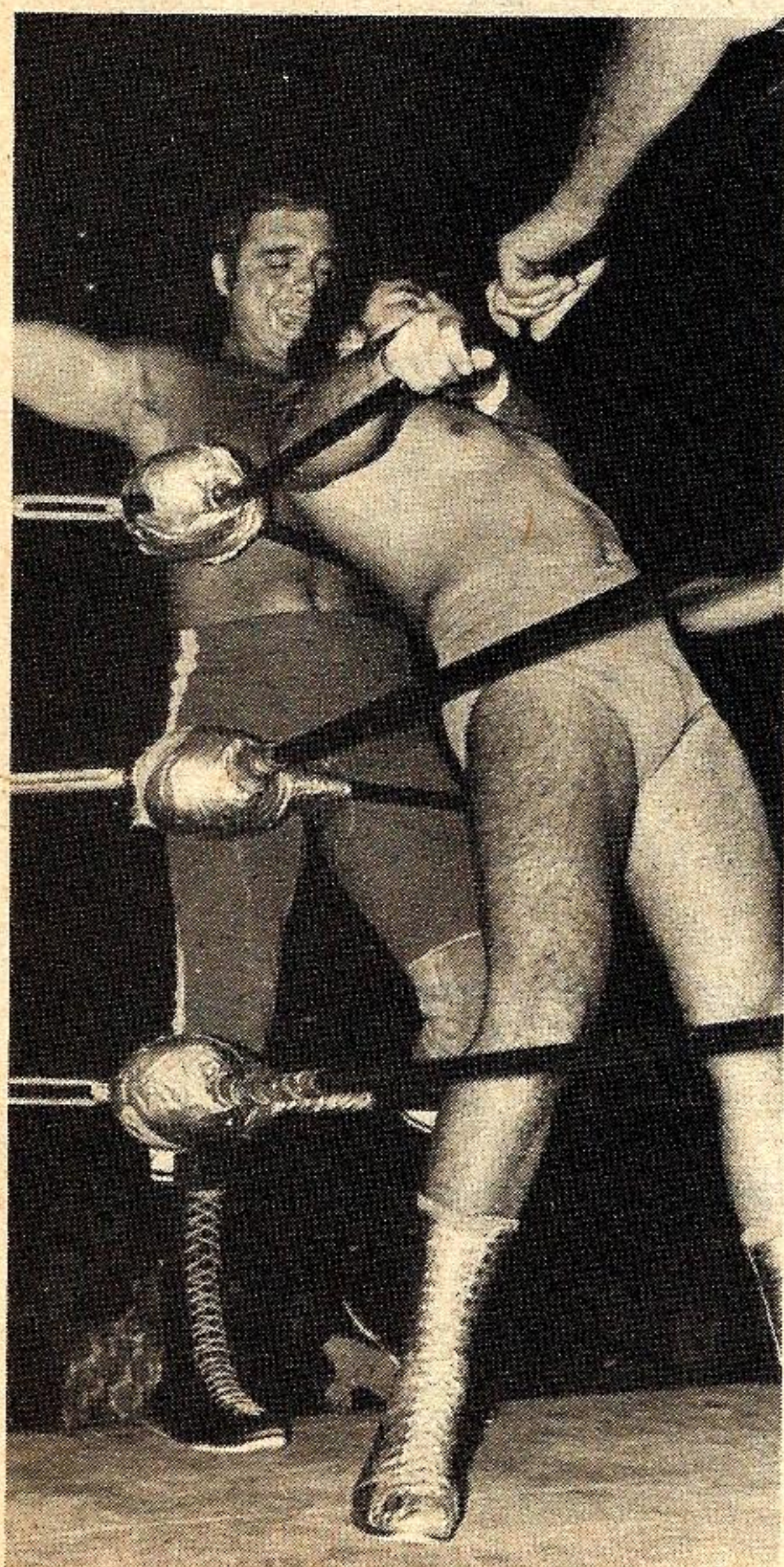
Below: While Graham holds Madril helpless, Tolos smashes punch after punch into the young grappler's face. It was this savage beating which caused Tolos and Graham to be quickly disqualified.



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Above: When they first teamed, Tolos and Graham were the scourge of all they opposed. Even a team like The Medics found itself in agony from the pair's ruthless tactics. Below: Alberto Madrill is pounded from behind by John Tolos after being maneuvered into the corner by Billy Graham. It's a typically evil move by them.



would disagree because he had a much better idea. Soon Graham and Tolos were screaming at each other, their faces red with outrage.

The young grapplers watching the pair supposed the team would never get back together. The screams and insults would lead to one man storming out—if not worse! No two men could work in the raging atmosphere of hate.

Veteran grapplers knew better. Tolos and Graham were really a team again. They spent their entire first partnership shouting at each other. If one could turn deaf to the uproarious din of the pair, their remarkable progress would be evident. They worked brilliantly shouting at the top of their lungs!

Many wrestlers found time to drop by these practice sessions to watch the pair work. Soon, an audience of laughing grapplers would surround the ring as Tolos and Graham yelled insults at each other. The clash of egos delighted all the spectators, although their howls of glee further enraged Tolos and Graham.

However, there was no laughter when John and Billy executed their maneuvers. Their grace and style was awesome. Each successful move brought with it a promise of agony and defeat for its intended victim. To contemplate wrestling against this team was no laughing matter!

The team finally chosen to wrestle against the pair was Ricky Romero and Alberto Madrill. These two young athletes had already earned the Tolos' hatred. Although Graham had sworn not to get involved with any of Tolos' feuds, the promoter proved to Billy this would be the best match possible. It took the promoter four hours of fast talking, however, to convince Graham.

When Romero and Madrill heard the news of their impending match, they were both excited and worried. It would be their greatest test as a tag team. Only after the match would the worry leave—to be replaced by either joy or sorrow.

The night of the match, fans filled the arena to see the reunion of Tolos and Graham. They also wanted to witness Ricky and Al seek their greatest victory.

From the opening bell, it was evident Tolos and Graham left all their arguments in the gym. They worked with a coordination as terrifying as it was splendid. They were cunning and skilled. When in the same corner, the two men could accomplish feats which would send any tag team reeling. Madrill and Romero were no exception.

Even when Ricky and Al seemed to have an advantage, Graham and Tolos executed some illegal but effective move which turned the match around. This so enraged Romero he lost control of his temper. When a professional athlete does this, he is doomed.

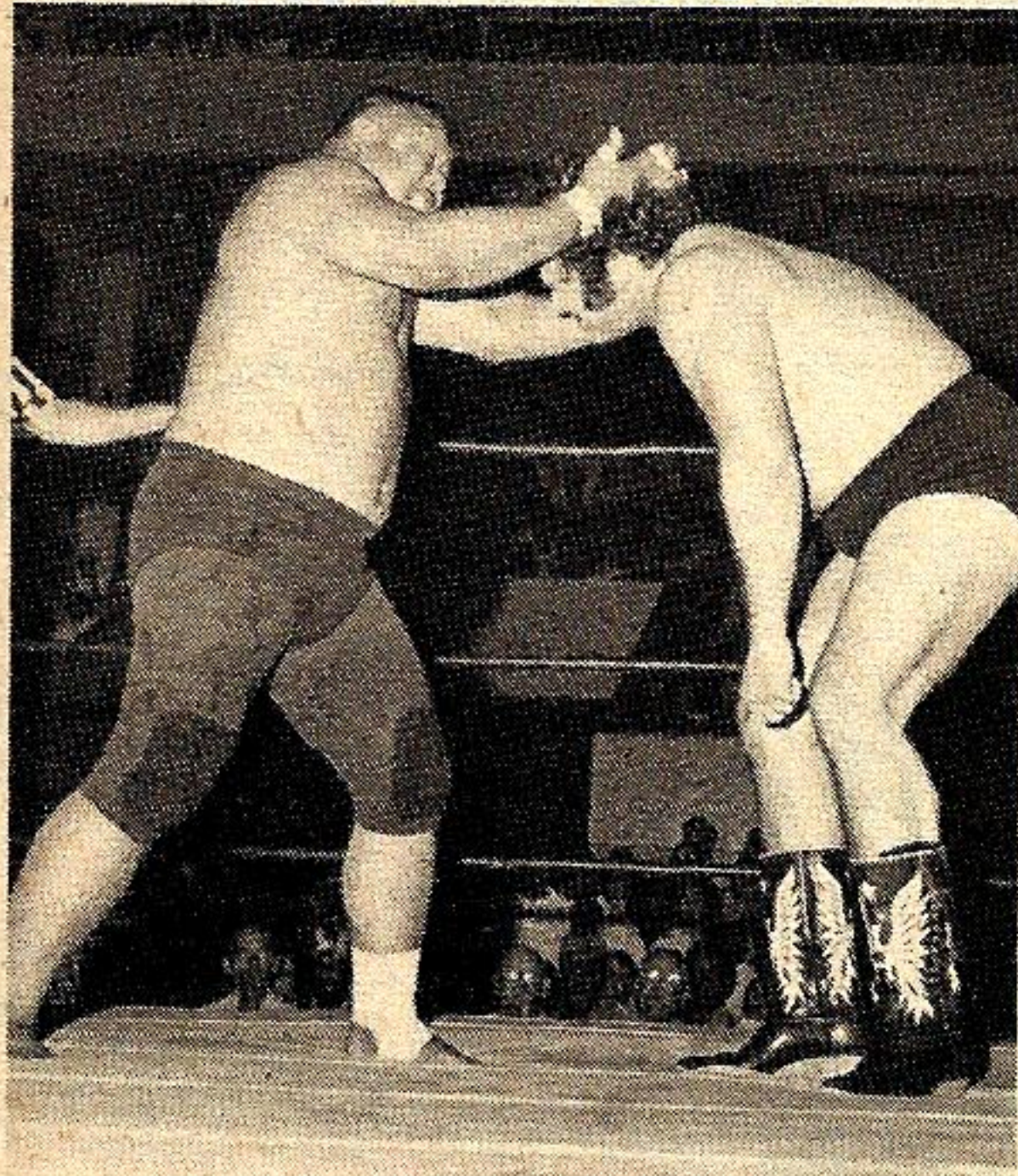
Ricky charged into his foes' corner, aiming right for Graham. Like a bullfighter, Billy sidestepped and Romero ran into Tolos' fists. Ricky collapsed to the canvas and his attackers fell on him like hungry vultures.

Before the referee could disqualify Tolos and Graham, Romero suffered a brutal beating.

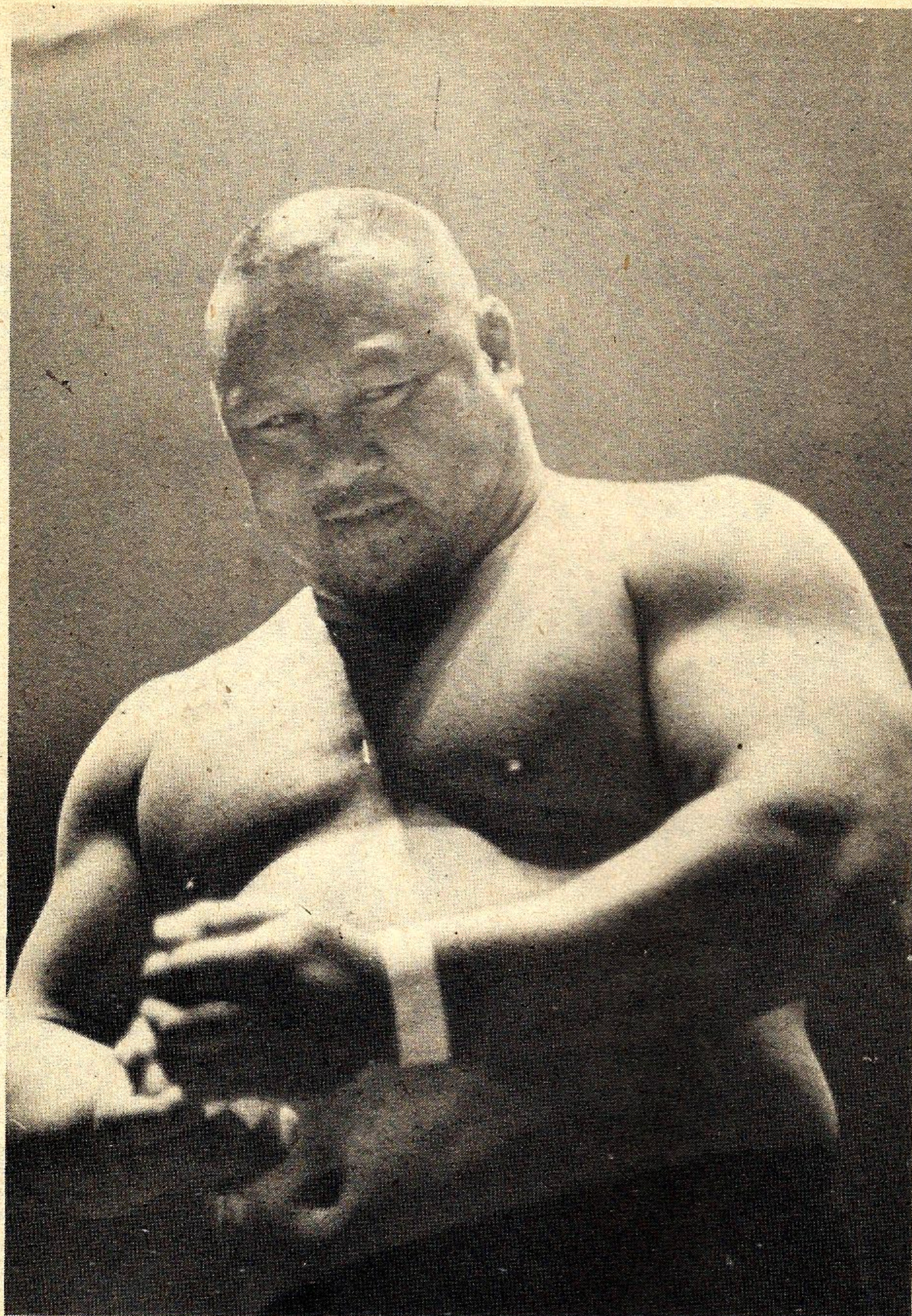
In the dressing room, it was reported Graham and Tolos were arguing about who was really responsible for the disqualification. It was just like old times. □

Professor Toru Tanaka has publicly threatened every friend he has. The story behind this action is as shocking as the statement itself!

PHOTOS BY GENE GORDON



Professor Toru Tanaka has Bill Watts in trouble (above) but loses the match when his good friend interfered. Tanaka was in a state of rage until he invoked the dreaded Japanese Samurai death prayer (right).



TANAKA'S VOW--

"THE NEXT MAN WHO HELPS ME...DIES!"

HIS BODY TREMBLING with rage, Professor Toru Tanaka stood transfixed in the middle of the ring. He had just been disqualified for Mr. Fuji's outside interference—aid he had neither sought nor needed. Now, he had lost a very important match through no fault of his own!

Tanaka is too proud to beg a referee to reconsider his decision. His anger made that action impossible anyway. He was paralyzed with rage! No one dared go near him to help. Being

around Tanaka at that time was risking getting mauled. When it began looking like Tanaka would remain in the ring all night, he suddenly tore back to the dressing room at top speed. He knocked over at least a dozen fans unfortunate enough to be in the aisles as he ran.

Once inside, Tanaka refused to see the press. Through the closed door, however, Japanese chants could be heard. A Tokyo correspondent, a man who rarely shows emotion, listened

and turned pale. At first he refused to translate the chant or describe its meaning. It took long pleading on the reporters' part before he revealed what was happening.

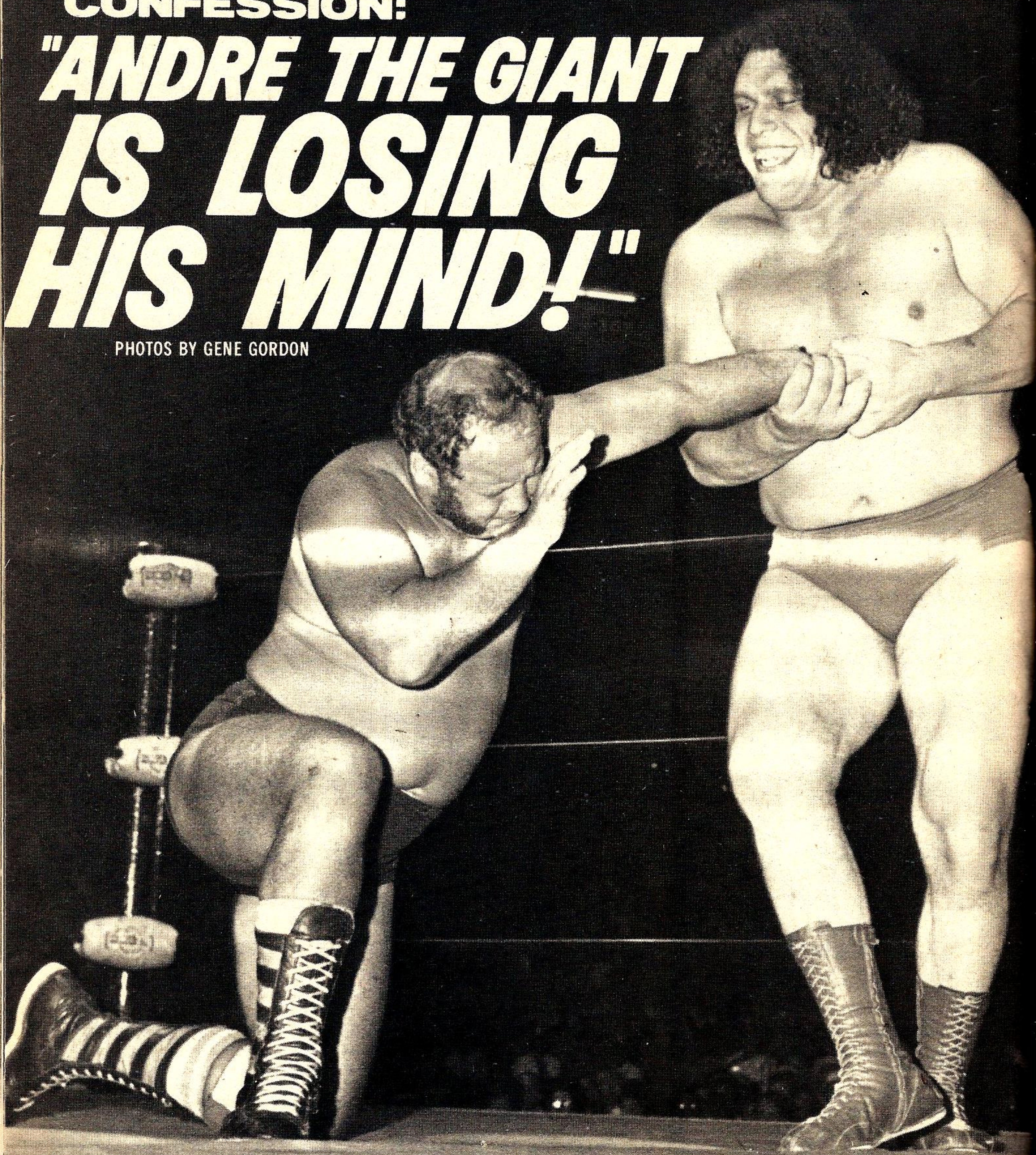
"It's a sacred Samurai vow," he explained in a whisper, as if afraid to say the words out loud. "I've heard of it, though I never heard it used before. I never thought I would."

"Tanaka has just sworn by all he holds holy that any man who interferes

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**PAUL JONES' SHOCKING
CONFESSION:
"ANDRE THE GIANT
IS LOSING
HIS MIND!"**

PHOTOS BY GENE GORDON



AS TIME GOES on, Andre the Giant's popularity grows by leaps and bounds. But as Andre's fame multiplies, his friends and fellow wrestlers become more and more worried; they fear he may be pushing too hard and could possibly be crippling himself psychologically.

The person most concerned about Andre is his frequent tag team partner, Paul Jones. Because of his special relationship with Andre, he can detect subtle changes in the Giant's personality and behavior usually unseen by wrestling fans.

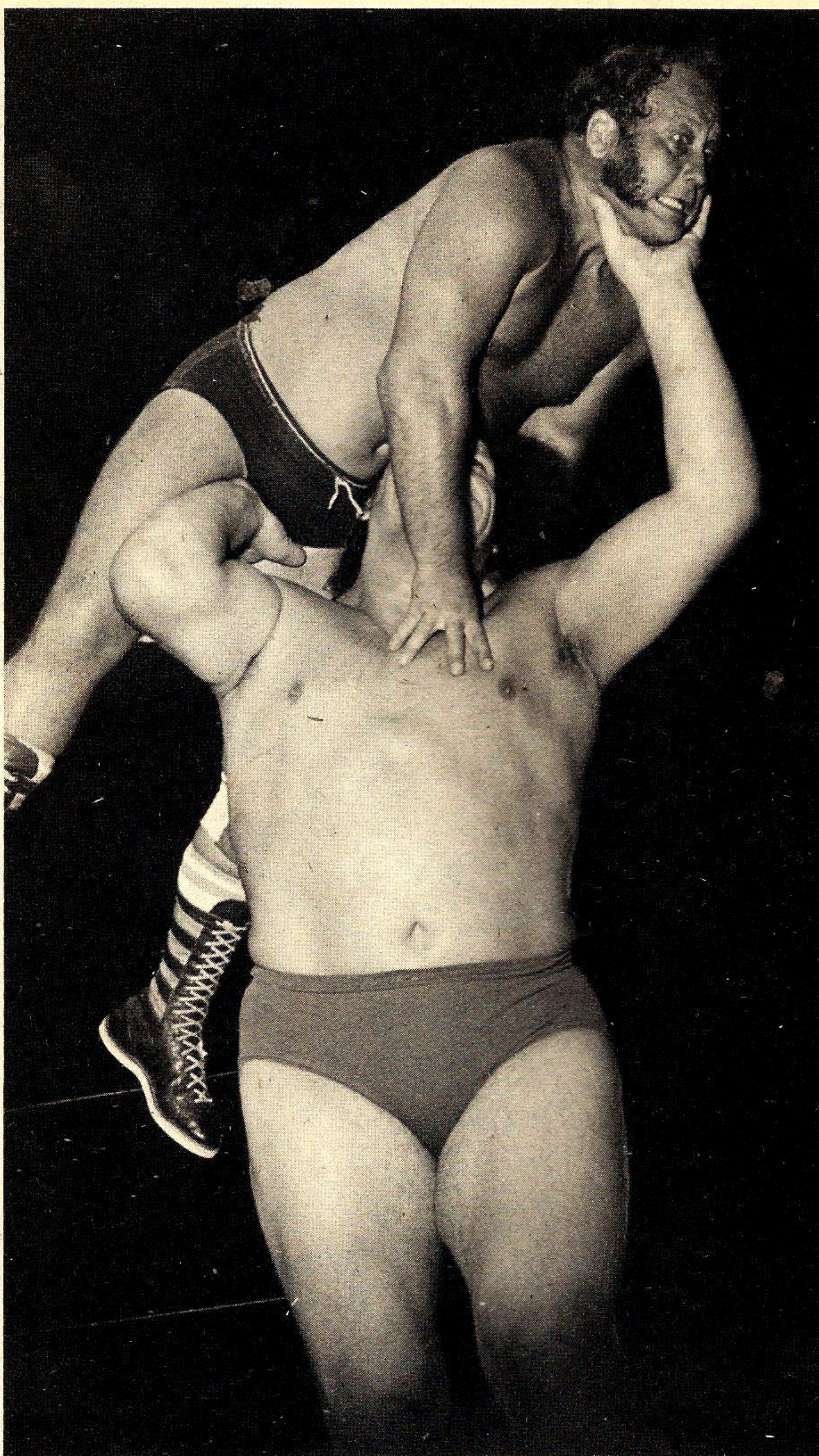
"Frankly," Jones told this magazine in an exclusive interview, "I'm beginning to worry about Andre. I have tried to warn him about pushing too hard, but he won't listen. He tries so hard to please the fans, he never thinks about himself."

"Of course, all the fans love Andre. They think his style and flair while wrestling are amazing to behold. But they just don't understand the torture Andre puts himself through in order to please them. He trains more than eight hours a day in a gymnasium, no matter what else is happening. He is relentless in his discipline. He allows himself no pleasures. It's all work for Andre."

"A human being needs time to relax, or else he'll go crazy. I've tried to tell that to Andre, but he just won't listen. I've seen dedication, but I think Andre goes too far."

"Up until a short time ago, I thought I was worrying needlessly. After all, Andre seemed to be alright, and his wrestling style was always improving. Then I started noticing small actions seemingly out of character."

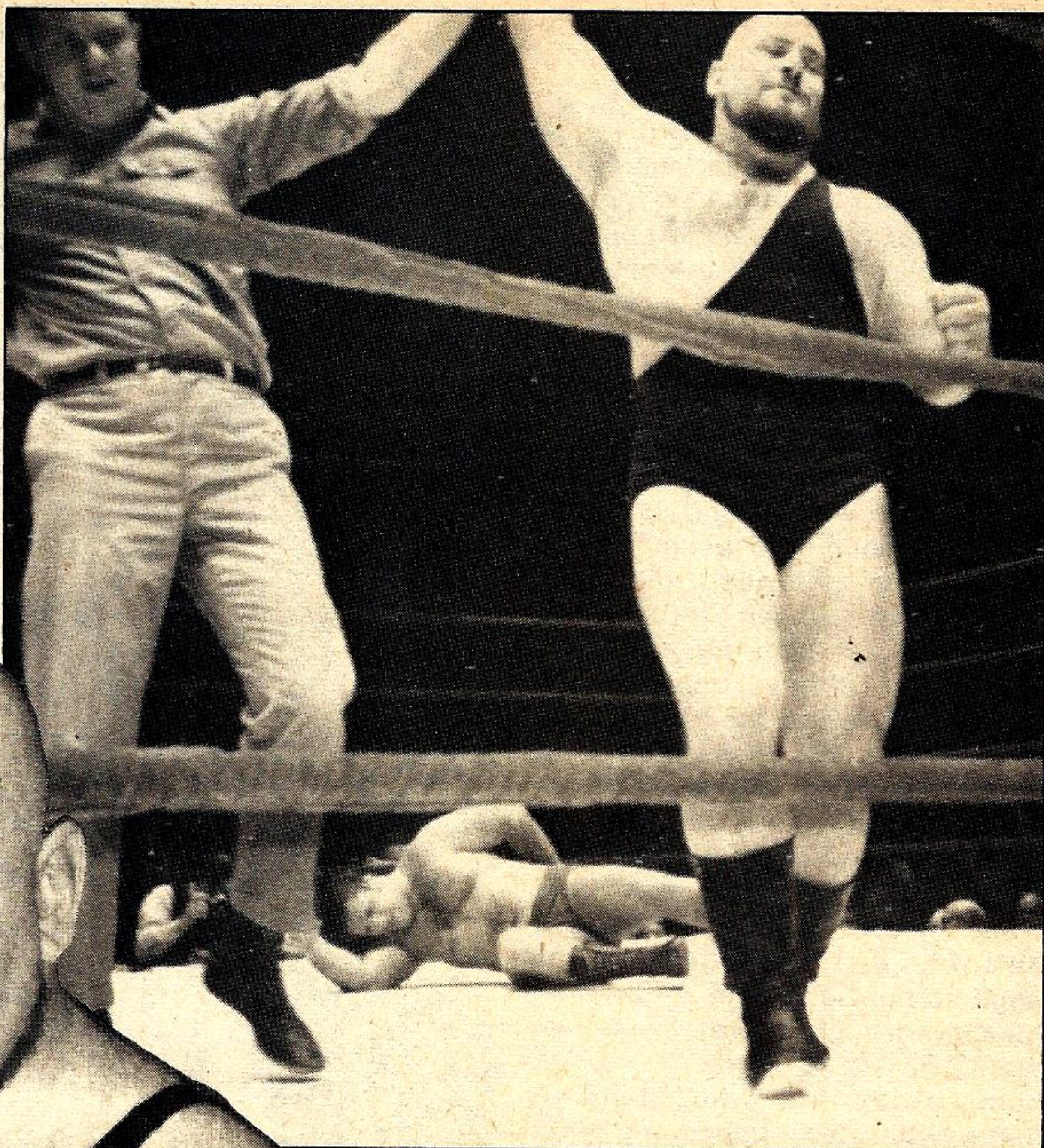
"The first time I noticed something wrong was when we wrestled Mr. Fuji and Brute Bernard. Andre was relentless in his attack on Fuji, always battering him with a ferocity I had never seen before. It didn't seem like much then, though Fuji sure didn't know what hit him. But that was only the beginning. (Continued on page 54)



Andre the Giant's friends have warned him he is pushing too hard to be popular with wrestling fans. Now his close friend and tag team partner fears Andre may have reached the breaking point! According to Paul Jones, Andre became very savage in their match against the Anderson Brothers, especially against Gene Anderson (above).

When a man's friend publicly questions his stability, he'd better have some pretty good reasons. Paul Jones thinks he has some excellent reasons to warn the world about Andre the Giant!

For the first time in five years, the mystery behind Ivan Koloff's exile may be explained. Was Bruno, the man Ivan defeated for the W.W.W.F. championship, the mastermind behind this ugly deed?



Referee Dick Kroll holds Ivan Koloff's hand high as he proclaims the Russian grappler the new W.W.W.F. champion five years ago, (above) after Ivan defeated Bruno Sammartino!

TO THOSE WHO were there, the scene is unforgettable. On a cold winter's night in 1971, before a turn away crowd at New York's Madison Square Garden, Ivan Koloff stands in center ring, his right arm held aloft by referee Dick Kroll. Behind both men lies Bruno Sammartino, still on the canvas, still in pain.

Ivan Koloff had just done the impossible: He defeated Bruno. The W.W.W.F. belt Sammartino

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valiantly defended for eight years would now adorn the waist of the Russian Bear.

As Koloff left the ring of that historic night in January 1971, there was no booing. The crowd of more than 20,000 was strangely silent. It had just witnessed one of the sport's greatest upsets in history.

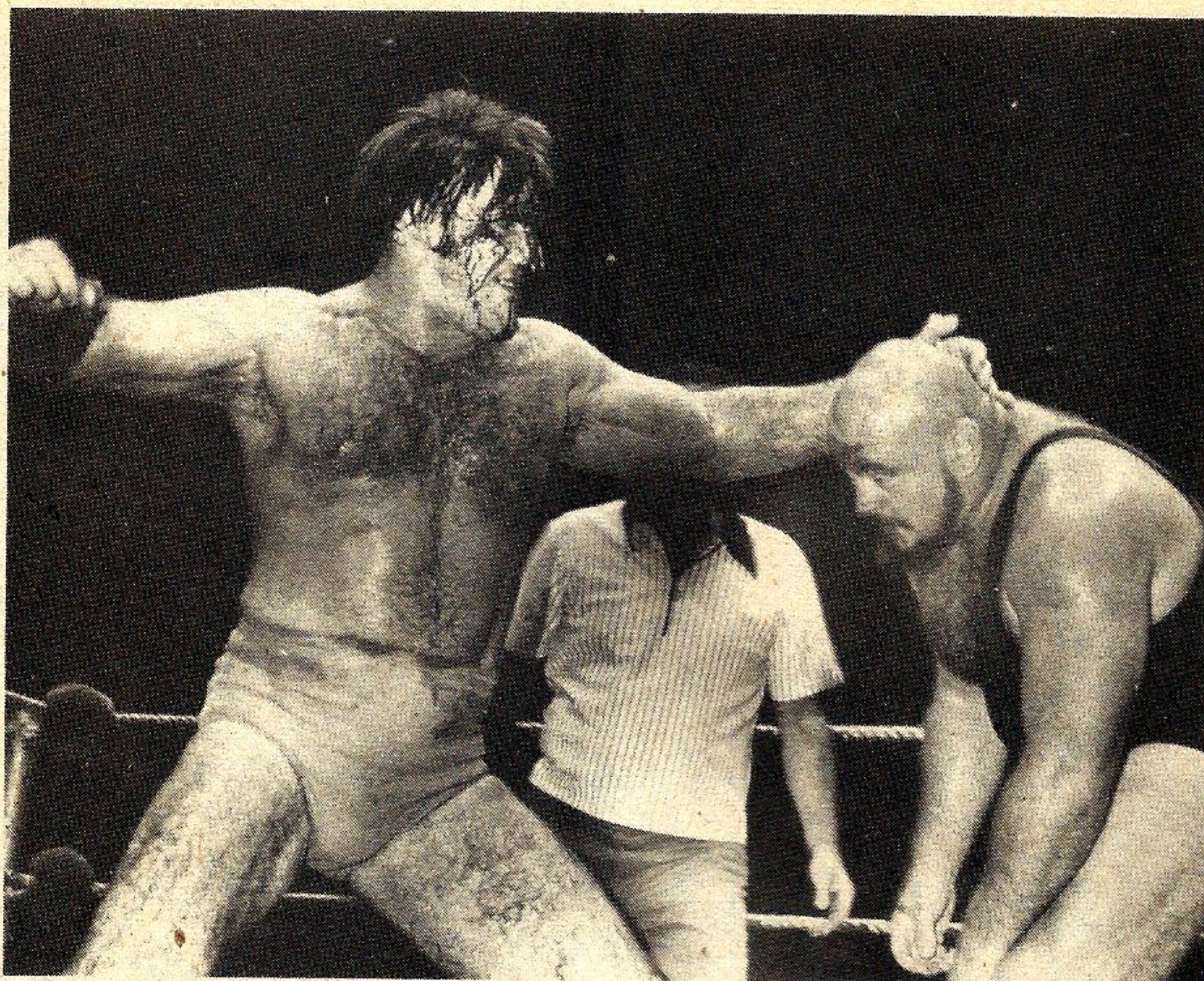
Finally, a few minutes later, Bruno too climbed through the ropes. He needed an assist from his manager, Arnold Skoaland. The crowd, still stunned, remained quiet. As Sammartino's form disappeared into the gloom of the dressing room, tears started rolling down the cheeks of many fans.

But that occurred five years ago. In the many months since much has happened to the careers of both wrestlers.

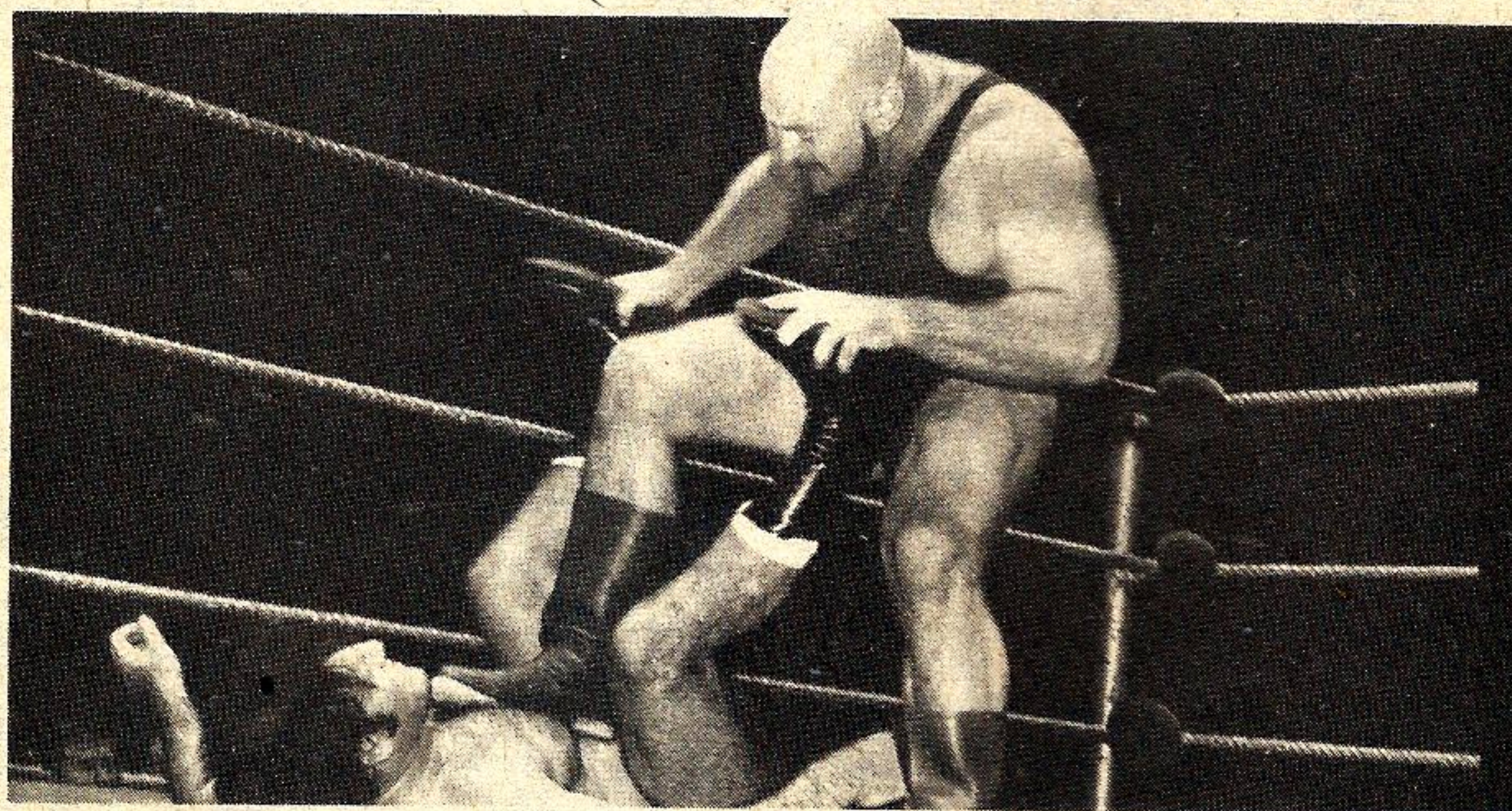
Koloff successfully defended the belt a few times before losing it to Pedro Morales. A few months later, Ivan decided to leave the W.W.W.F. area. He said he would return. What he didn't say, or didn't know, was his absence would span five years.

Bruno's accomplishments since that night are well known. Although he went into semi-retirement after the bout, he soon returned to a full schedule. And then on December 10, 1973, before another capacity crowd in that same Madison Square Garden ring, Bruno once again was crowned champion of the world after triumphing over Stan Stasiak, the man who defeated Morales the previous week.

And once again Bruno defended his belt courageously. Don Leo Jonathan, George Steele, Killer Kowalski, Nikolai Volkoff, Spiros Arion, and numerous others fell



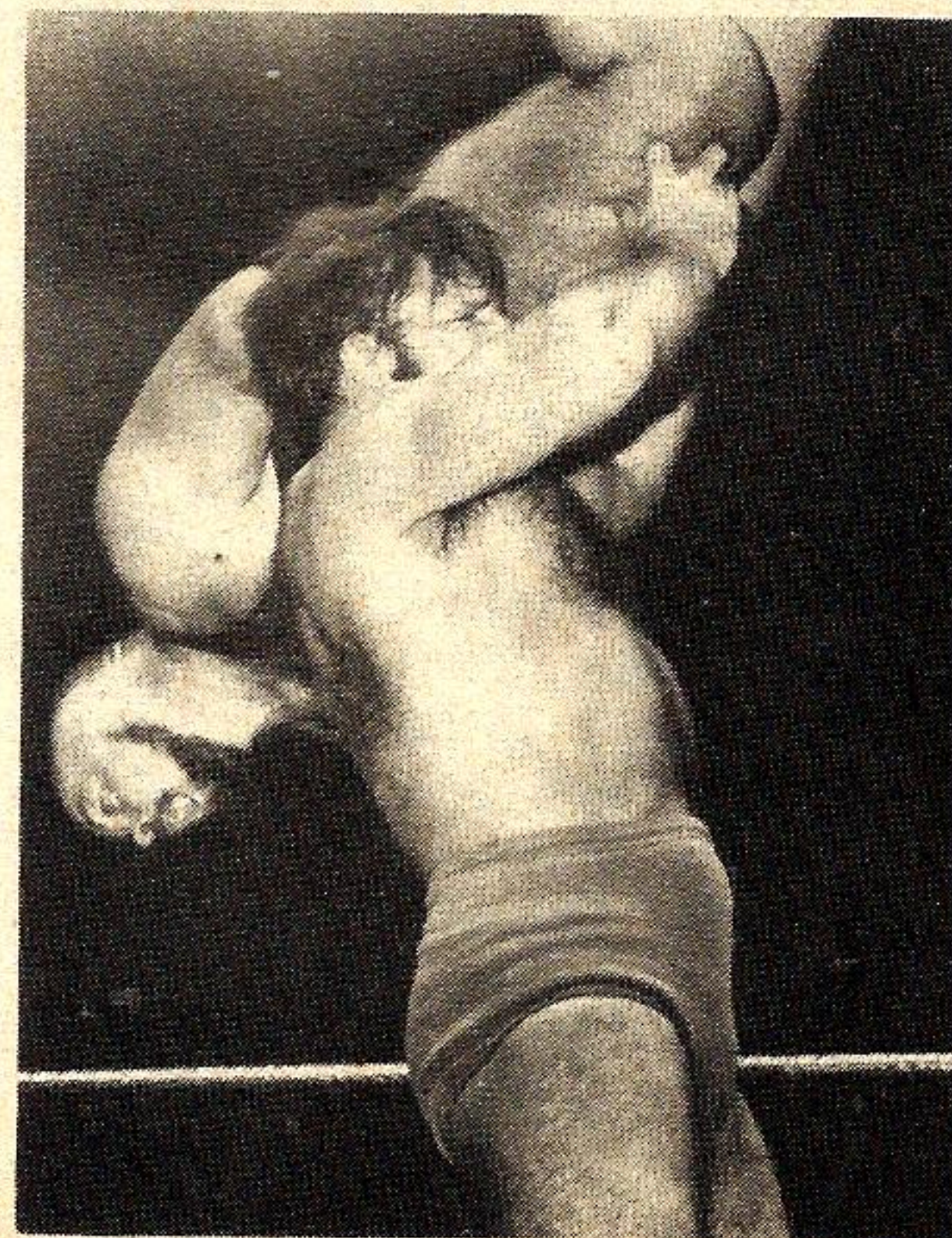
A bloody and battered Bruno Sammartino gives Ivan Koloff a taste of his own medicine (above) in their recent rematch in New York City's Madison Square Garden. Many experts thought this match was the toughest of Bruno's illustrious career, and with good reason!



Koloff gives Sammartino one of his famous Russian Stomps, causing the W.W.W.F. champion considerable pain (above right). But Bruno soon retaliates by giving Koloff a backdrop (right), sending the Russian grappler sailing to the canvas. This caused one of the tensest moments in the important revenge championship rematch.

PHOTOS BY BILL APTER

BRUNO D KOLOFF'S EAR EXILE?





before Bruno. In fact, he defended the title against the greatest names in wrestling. With one glaring exception: Ivan Koloff!

After Koloff left the area in 1971 he traveled south to campaign in N.W.A. territory. Putting together a tremendous victory streak, he received a shot at Brisco's N.W.A. belt. The bout ended in a controversial draw.

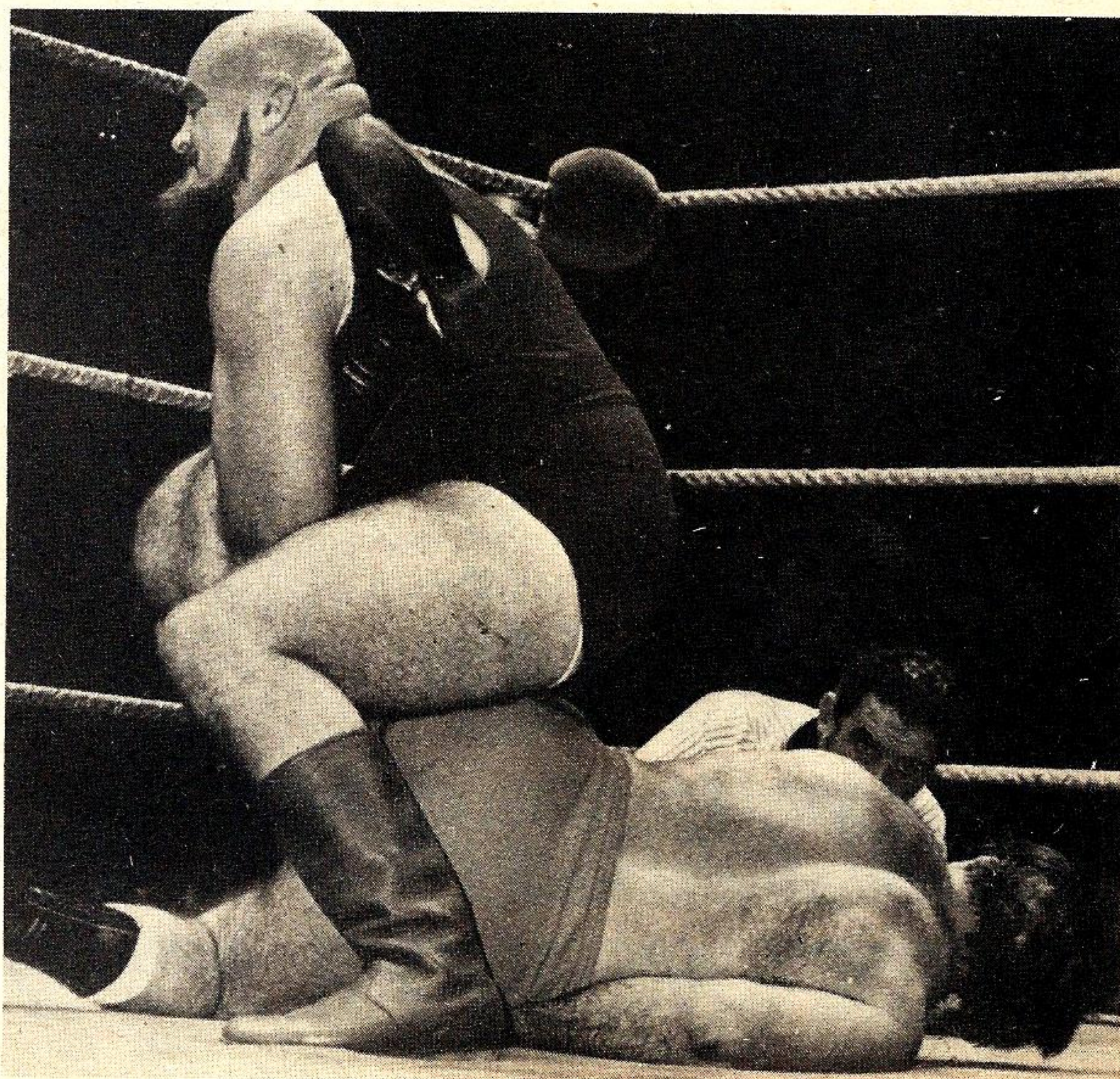
During these years, whenever Koloff was asked when he would return to the W.W.W.F., he would only say, "Soon." But for some reason, Ivan never returned to that area.

"The W.W.W.F. not want Koloff to come back," he told our reporter in 1974. "They know Russian Bear can defeat Sammartino any day of week. They smart to ban Koloff. But some day, Bruno, Koloff will get you again!"

Whenever Bruno was asked about Koloff's accusations, he would smile wanly. He had heard these charges many times from many different people. "Yes, I am the champion," Bruno would say. "But I don't make the matches. You know, and Koloff also knows, I would be glad to defend the belt against him."

However, Koloff's accusations would not go away. Whether it was

Several fellow wrestlers have to restrain the angered Ivan Koloff (above). The referee declared the match between Ivan and Bruno had ended in a draw. Ivan seeks revenge against the man he thought kept him out of the W.W.W.F. for five long years by using a half Boston crab (below) on the temporarily helpless Bruno Sammartino.



intentional or not, Koloff's absence from the area was evidence there was a blacklist of some kind against him.

One man with a prime interest in the Koloff-Sammartino case was Lou Albano. Albano was Ivan's manager during his campaign in the W.W.W.F. Since Koloff's departure in 1971, Albano tried unsuccessfully to bring the Russian back to the area.

"Well, baby, I know one thing," Albano stated in early 1975. "When Bruno Sammartino tells the commission to keep a man out of this area, it listens. Why else can't I get Koloff to return here? Bruno knows Ivan can defeat him! He's scared, daddy! He's afraid to lose!"

It was no secret Albano had taken many trips south to speak to Koloff. Though their contract was only valid in W.W.W.F. areas, the two men kept in close contact with each other. Albano was Koloff's only link with the W.W.W.F. And Koloff was the only man Albano ever managed who defeated Sammartino. Both men, although separated by thousands of miles and commission red tape, needed one another.

Finally, on July 24, 1975, Koloff announced he was taking legal action. He sued Bruno and the W.W.W.F., claiming both had conspired to prevent Ivan from wrestling in the W.W.W.F.

About the same time, Koloff signed to wrestle with the I.W.A. This was the closest he was able to come to W.W.W.F. territory. His classic bout against Mil Mascaras in Jersey City's Roosevelt Stadium was just across the river from the sight of Koloff's greatest triumph, Madison Square Garden.

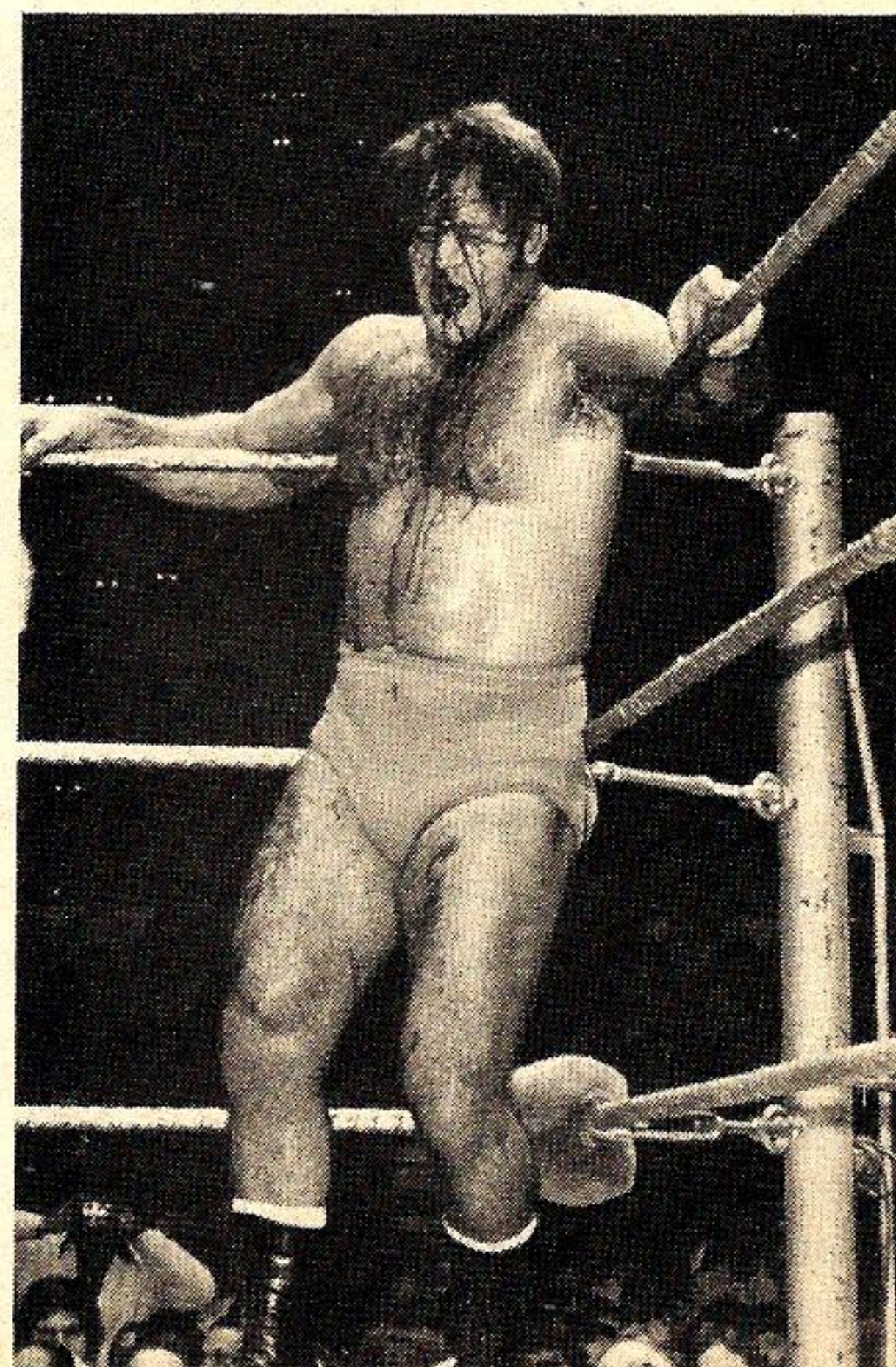
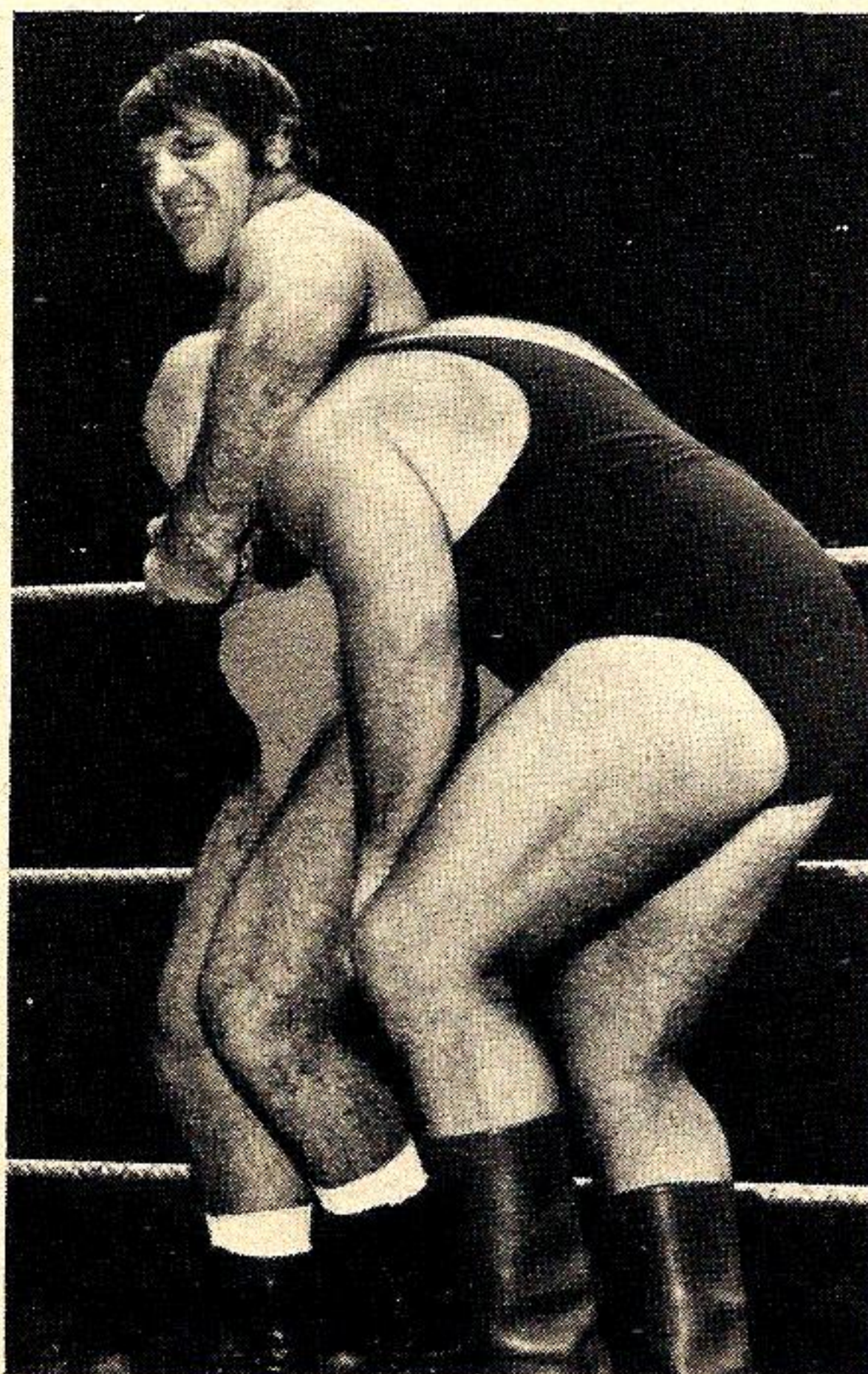
And then in August of 1975 a strange string of related developments occurred. First, Koloff disappeared from the I.W.A. No one knew, or at least no one would say, where the Russian Bear was. Then, just as mysteriously, Koloff's court case against Bruno was dropped. And finally, who should appear at a W.W.W.F. television show but Ivan Koloff!

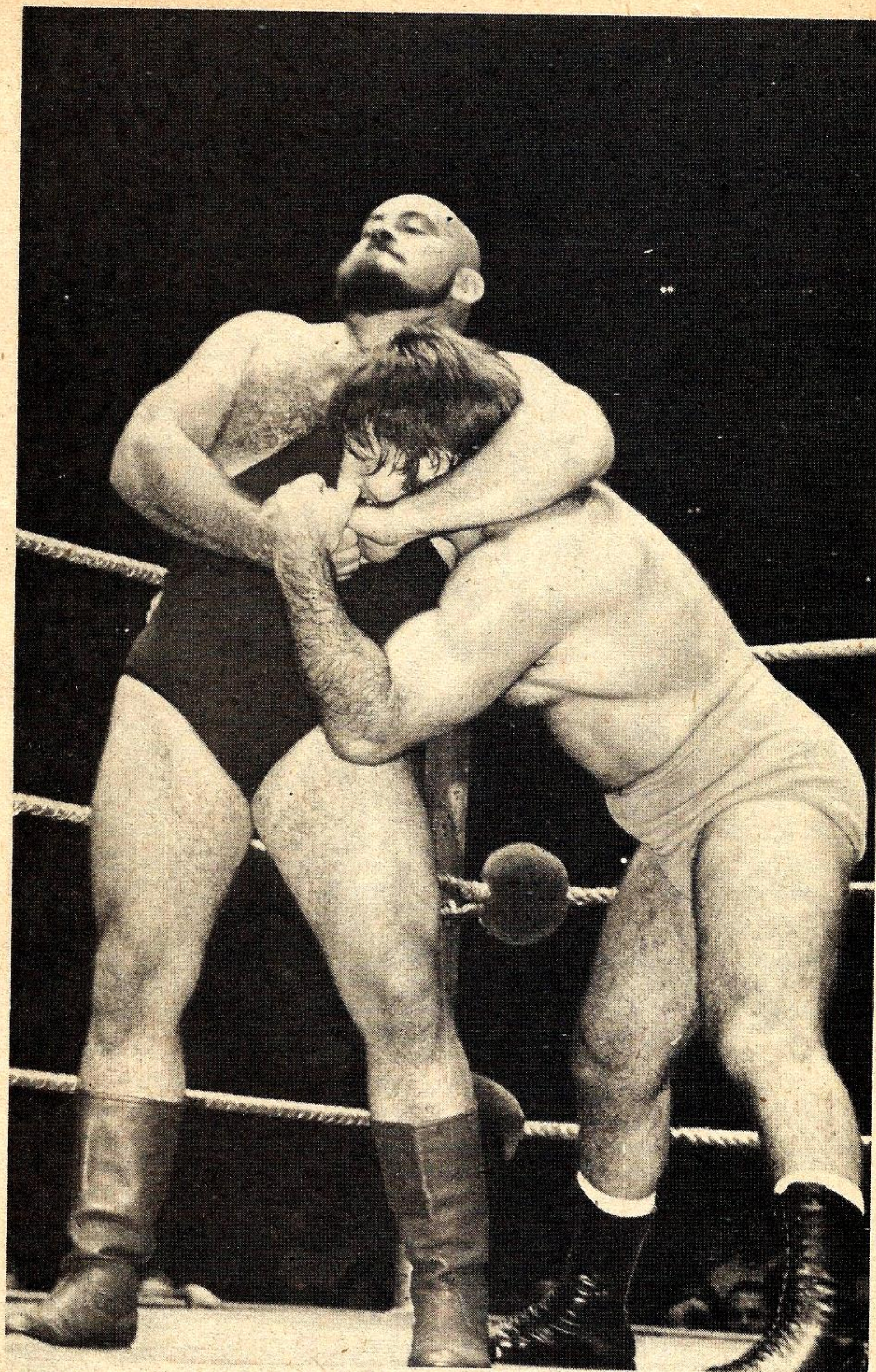
But the strangest occurrence was yet to come. No one would talk about the recent series of events. Even the usually talkative Albano would only say, "Koloff is back. I'm his manager. Anything else is unimportant."

However, nothing could stop the



Bruno puts a headlock on Ivan Koloff (below left), but the Russian grappler is preparing to throw Sammartino against the ropes. Bruno must be held back by other wrestlers (above) after Koloff opened several cuts on his face (below right). The blood flowed freely in this brutal, vicious championship match!





rumors from flying. One story claimed the W.W.W.F. paid Koloff a fortune in order to get the Russian to drop his legal charges. Another claimed it was Ivan who paid the W.W.W.F. to let him return. Still another rumor said Koloff had to sign an agreement stating he would *not* wrestle Bruno for the title. Certainly, if the last story was true, then Bruno indeed may have been behind Koloff's exile!

It wasn't long before the last rumor was quashed. It was announced Sammartino would defend his championship against Koloff. Albano, not surprisingly, was a happy man.

"Well, daddy, I guess Sammartino isn't so smart after all. It took five years, baby, five long years, but the Captain was able to do it. Bruno Sammartino must wrestle Koloff again. It may be five years later, but the result will be the same, Ivan Koloff will beat Bruno again!"

Astoundingly, it was rumored Koloff would receive more money for this bout than Bruno. No one would ever remember a challenger drawing higher pay than the champion for a title defense. The question on many person's minds was obvious: Was this part of the out of court settlement the W.W.W.F. had been forced into



Referee John Stanley intently watches while Bruno puts an armlock on Koloff (above). But Koloff gets his revenge with a headlock on Bruno (left). No man could have been more intent on violence than Ivan Koloff.

against its will? Once again, no one would say.

Madison Square Garden was sold out a week prior to the bout. A closed-circuit showing at the Garden's smaller arena, the Felt Forum, was also a sell out. More than 26,000 people were fortunate enough to witness this historic encounter. Thousands more were turned away. Bruno Sammartino vs. Ivan Koloff promised to be a great match. No one was disappointed.

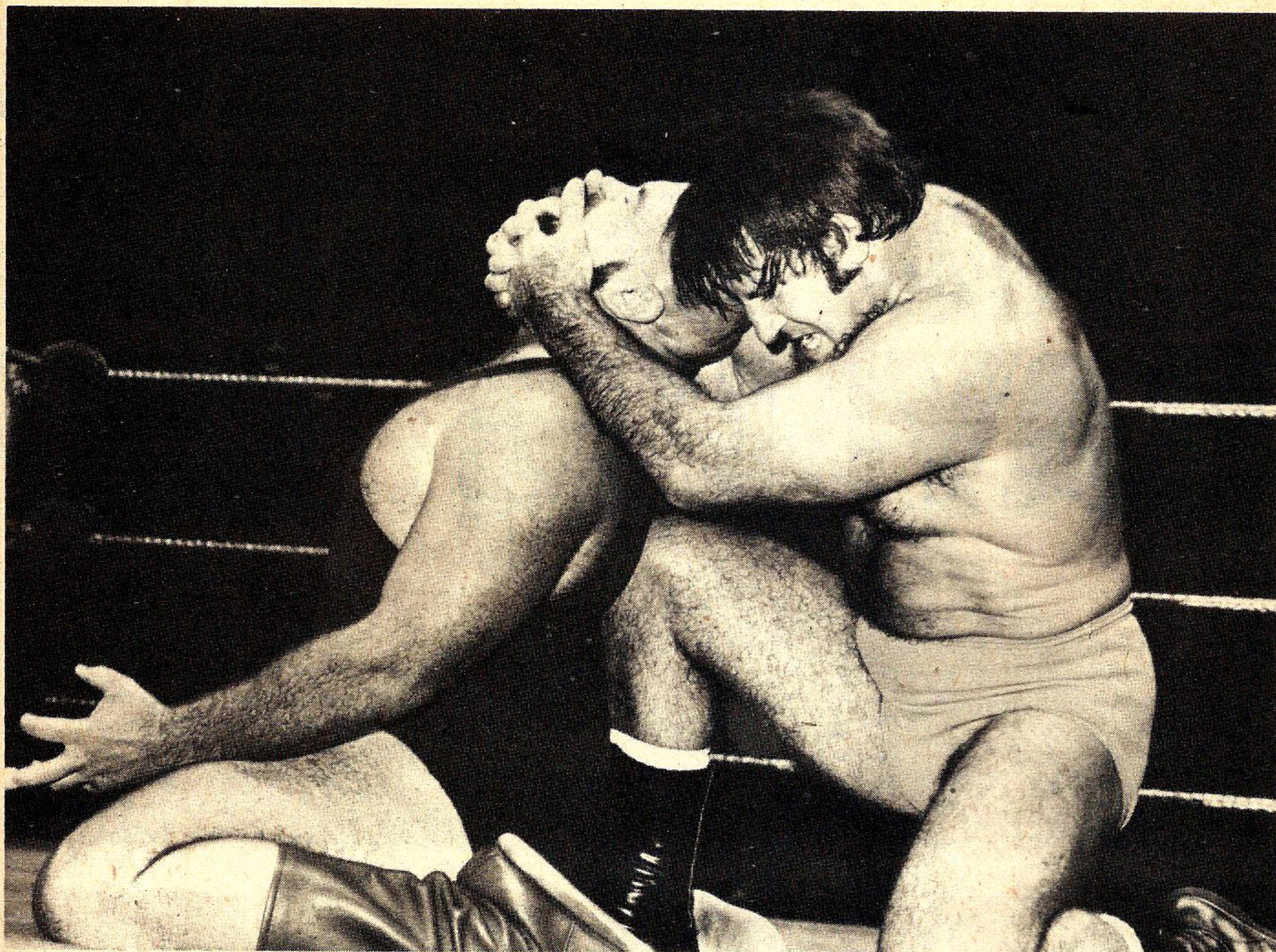
Even before the bell finished reverberating, the two great wrestlers were locked in combat. Not content with inflicting only physical punishment, both men hurled insults at one another.

"You try to keep Koloff out of area but not succeed!" the Russian Bear bellowed.

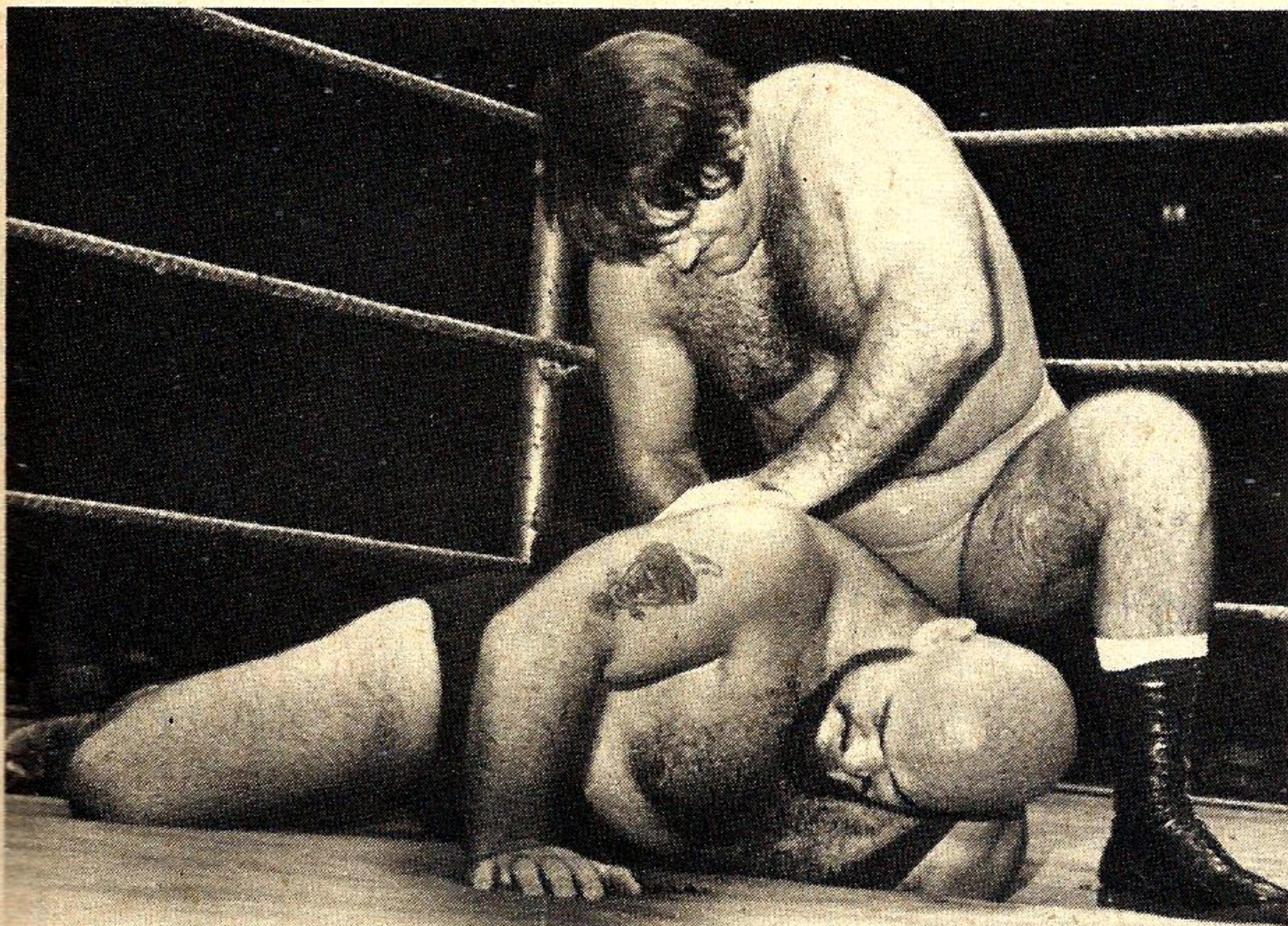
Bruno at first merely shook his head, but finally decided to answer the taunts. "You know I don't have the power to do that."

However, the chatter soon ended as the combat grew more intense. Both men's entire physical being was concentrated on winning. There was no longer time for conversation.

Five minutes into the bout, Koloff



Bruno tries to shut the mouth of Ivan Koloff after the Russian repeatedly accused the W.W.W.F. champion of purposely keeping him out of the area for five years (above). Then to prove he had no part in Ivan's exile, Bruno employs a half-nelson on the Russian to keep him close to the canvas and in a controllable position.



caught Bruno coming off the ropes with a boot to the champion's stomach. Sammartino collapsed in a heap on the mat.

Koloff climbed to the top rope and jumped off. Many fans rose to their feet and gasped. This was the same tactic Ivan used five years earlier to

finish off Bruno.

But scant seconds before Koloff's impact, Bruno rolled out of the way. Ivan also made an adjustment just in time and landed on his feet.

The match went on with a free mixture of scientific wrestling and illegal tactics. Soon the punishment took its toll. Both wrestlers were bleeding profusely from head wounds. But neither would quit until the other was finished.

Finally the referee could stand it no longer. He called for the bell, ruling the bout a no-contest. But neither Bruno nor Koloff would cease their battle.

Dressing rooms emptied and wrestlers flooded the ring, separating the warring gladiators. From his corner, restrained by four mat stars, Ivan yelled to Bruno, "You will see me again, Sammartino. And this time it will not take five years!"

Bruno, bloody and enraged, yelled back, "The sooner the better!"

The reasons behind Koloff's exile from the W.W.W.F. and Bruno's participation in it, if any, remains unknown. Only the hatred between the two is no secret. □

BULLDOG BROWER "NO SHRINK SAY I'M CRA

BY BILL APTER

THE DRESSING ROOM filled with tension as this reporter entered. Friends and acquaintances wandered away as they tried to give some warning signal with their eyes. The reason was apparent before my exit could be made.

A large powerful hand gripped my shoulder, twisting me around. The snarling face of Bulldog Brower was immediately pressed against mine, his wild rolling eyes revealed his rage. Anyone who has seen Brower in this state knows escape is the best idea. However, I'm not powerful enough to break myself free of Brower's grip.

"You work for this filthy rag?!" Brower screamed as he thrust a copy of **INSIDE WRESTLING**/November 1975 at me. The shove forced me to stumble backwards. "Who is this Dr. Manfred E. Wilson, anyway? Why isn't he here so I can crack him in two?"

It was obvious Brower had not enjoyed Dr. Wilson's psychological analysis of him. I just hoped he wasn't going to take it out on me. After all, I hadn't even written the article!

"I want to meet this Wilson fella,"

Brower continued, spittle beginning to run down his chin. "I want him to say those things to my face instead of hiding behind a typewriter! I don't even understand half the things he called me! Did he say I'm crazy? I think he said I'm crazy, but I'm not sure.

"I know he says I'm different!" Brower insisted. "He says most wrestlers aren't like me. As far as I'm concerned, that means I'm different. And 'different' is just a polite chicken's way of saying 'crazy!'"

Choosing my words very carefully, I tried to explain to Brower what Wilson said about him. I told him every wrestler experienced what he went through; that was Dr. Wilson's whole point. I didn't bother to explain to him most wrestlers grow out of this problem. With Brower, it only gets much worse.

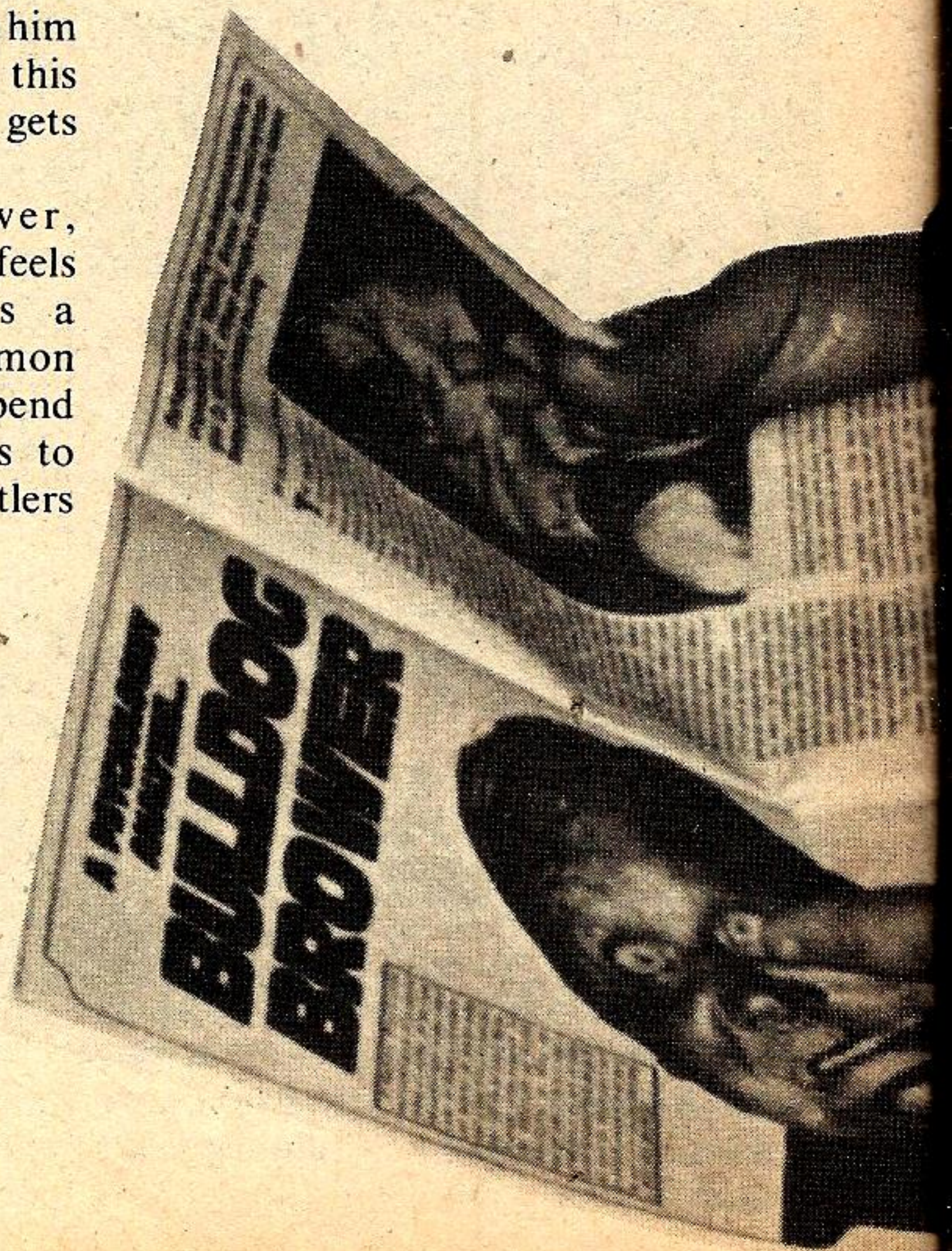
The problem with Brower, according to Dr. Wilson, is he feels isolated from everyone as a professional wrestler. It is a common occurrence; a man who must depend on himself for everything grows to distrust everyone. As most wrestlers

mature, they learn to trust and work with others. Instead of overcoming the problem, Brower is getting much worse. This is why he has psychotic rampages.

"You're a victim of wrestling," I concluded in my wary retelling of Dr. Wilson's theory. "Dr. Wilson says it's everyone else's fault you occasionally lose your temper."

That wasn't exactly true, but no sense telling Brower that Dr. Wilson

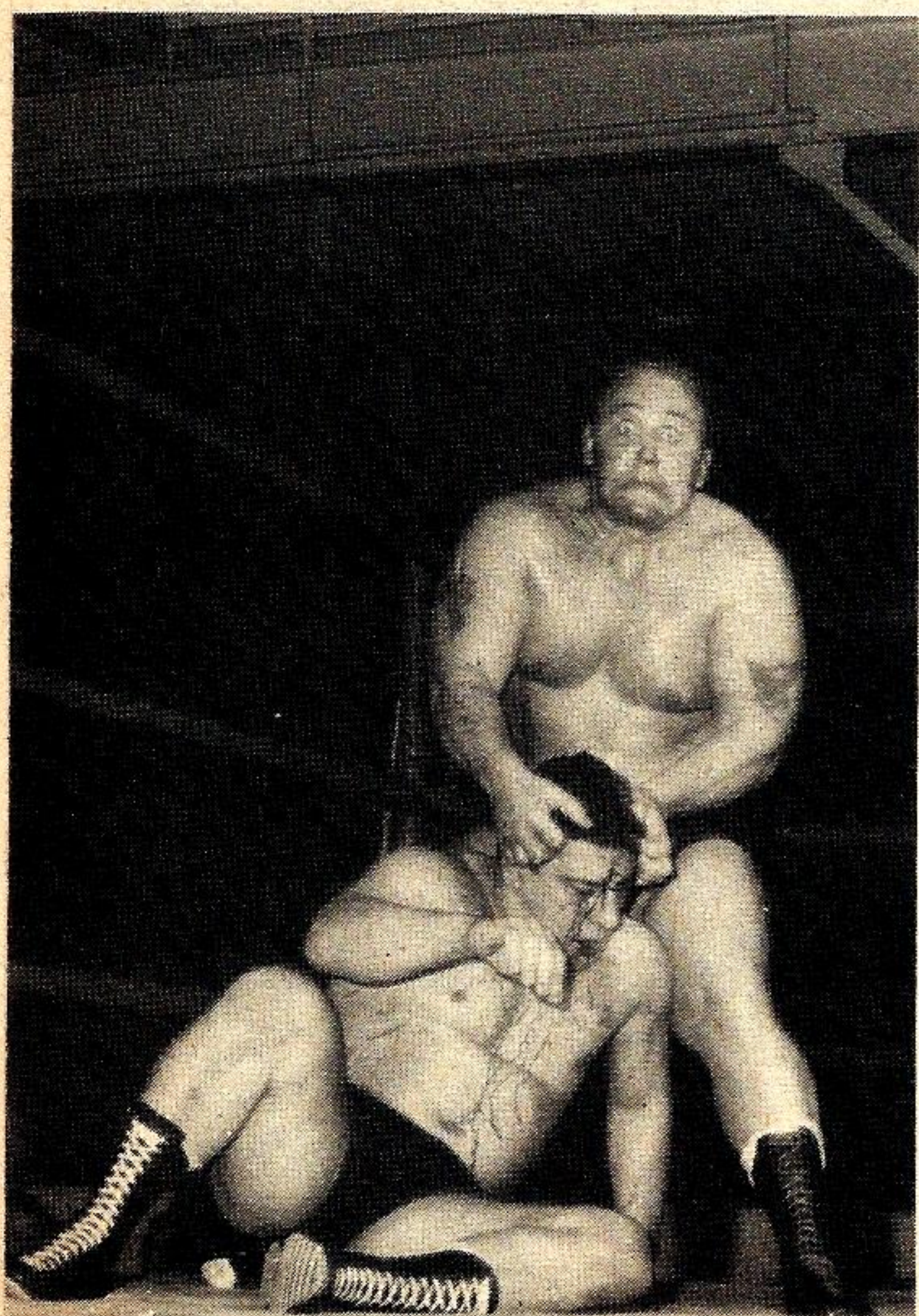
Bulldog Brower was outraged when respected psychologist Dr. Manfred E. Wilson explained the grappler's psychotic behavior. Now, Bulldog wants to make sure the world knows he's angry!



SNARLS: CAN ZY!"

Bulldog Brower curses at the findings of Dr. Manfred E. Wilson. Wilson said Brower is in need of psychological help.





Bulldog rips apart the magazine in which Dr. Wilson's study was printed (above). The brutal way Bulldog treated Jim Hady was a basis for the doctor's insightful analysis of the grappler.

thinks he is a deeply disturbed human being. Discretion is the better part of valor.

Brower stepped back a couple of feet and considered what I had told him. He tried to determine if my explanation made him any less angry about the article.

"I must have read this thing a dozen times," Brower finally said, "and I didn't like it each time. What you say put a different light on it, though. Wait here until I read it again."

So I waited and watched while Brower once again read Dr. Wilson's analysis. His face clouded as he realized the psychologist's brilliant theories weren't exactly complimentary to Brower. When he finished the article he was fuming again.

"You know what your trouble is,

Apter?" Brower asked in an ugly voice. A chill ran down my spine. "You don't know what the doctor is saying. I don't care what you think. This guy is calling me crazy! And I don't like that at all!"

With a banshee scream, Brower took the magazine and tore it into pieces. The shredded pages fell to the floor and Bulldog began to stomp on them. His eyes bulged with maniacal rage. His grunting sounded like the snorts of a wounded boar.

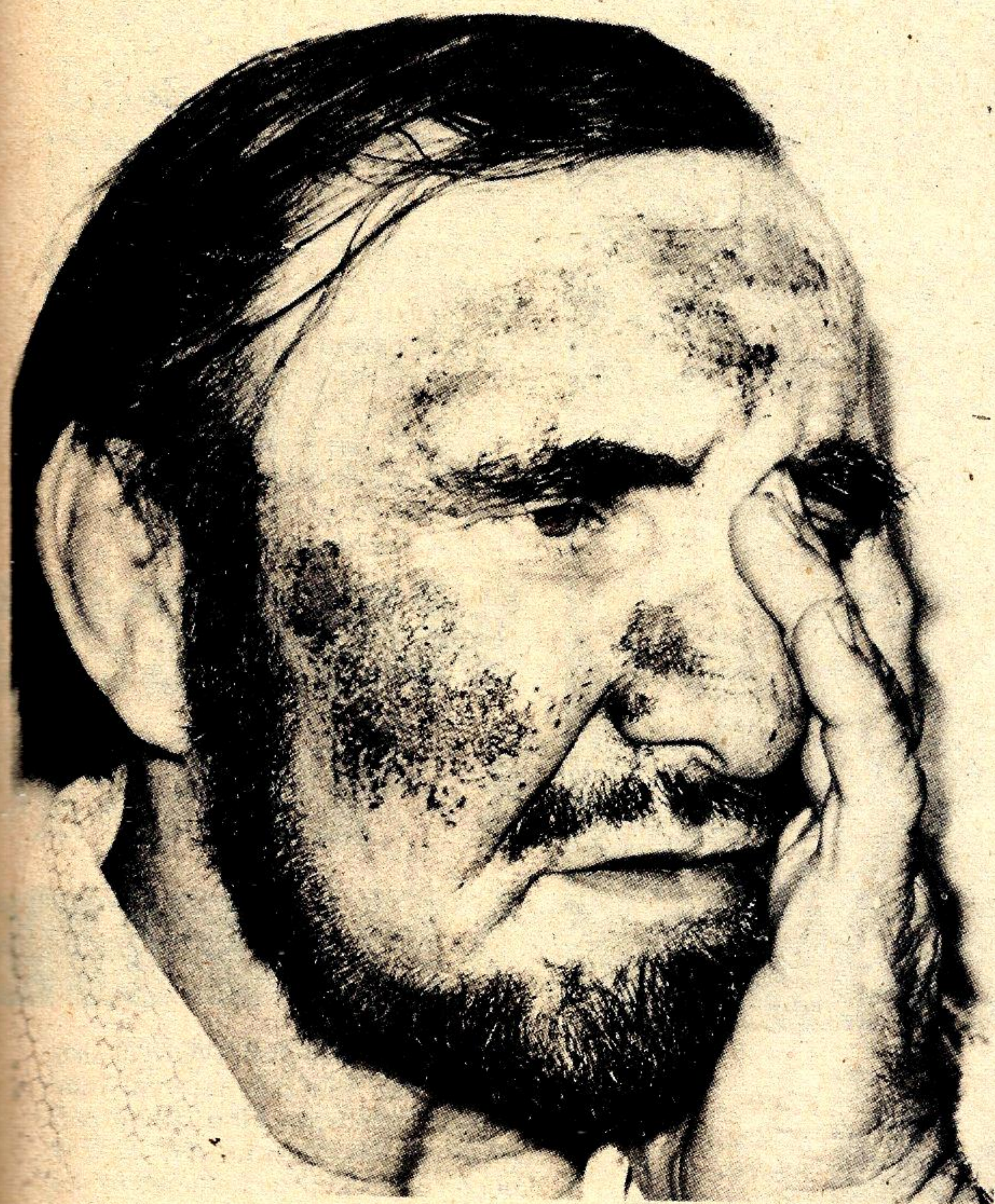
"Did you see that?" he yowled. "This is what I did to your crummy magazine for printing that lousy article! And I'll do the same to Dr. Wilson if I ever see him."

I was pretty shaken by this and lucky to escape without being mangled. As soon as I returned to the office, I called Dr. Wilson and told him of the threat.

"I intend to make my studies of wrestlers a major psychological work," Dr. Wilson responded. "I'll continue to do the studies. We can't allow bullies to halt the discovery of knowledge."

Dr. Wilson is a brilliant psychologist. And a very brave man! □

All Ivan Kalmikoff wanted to do was protect his wrestler, Mighty Igor, from The Sheik's illegal tactics. Instead, he brought the wrath—and fire—of The Sheik down upon himself



HAVING FLAMES SHOT in your face and feeling your flesh burn would make anyone go berserk. It almost drove Ivan Kalmikoff insane.

Like any good manager, Ivan wanted to protect his wrestler, Mighty Igor, from The Sheik's many damaging, illegal tactics. Knowing The Sheik's overwhelming fear of snakes, Ivan hatched a plan.

"If The Sheik," Ivan told Igor, "receives any foreign object from his manager, Eddie Creatchman, we will respond in kind. I will place a snake, inside a box, in our corner. As soon as a foreign object is brought in, we let the snake out. With a little luck, we might scare Sheik to death."

Igor agreed wholeheartedly with the plan.

The night of the match, the box was carried into the corner. The Sheik almost had to be carried over the ropes, so scared was he of the reptile.

As he had failed to do at the contract signing, Eddie Creatchman begged the official, "Take the snake away. My man, the most famous

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A shaken and exhausted Ivan Kalmikoff examines the charred flesh covering his face the day after he was the victim of The Sheik's fire and went berserk.

PHOTOS BY DAVE BRYZYNSKI

**NOT EVEN A
MANAGER'S
SAFE
FROM THE
SHEIK'S**

FIRE!



Once again, Dusty Rhodes, "The American Dream," has been ruthlessly savaged by a German grappler. And this is only the beginning of wrestling's most dangerous vendetta!

Dusty Rhodes (left) says it is this year he will realize his destiny to become the wrestling champion of the world. Yet, he cannot seem to conquer the German grapplers who are united to stop him. More than once Dusty has had to be saved by other wrestlers after taking a savage pummeling (right, opposite page). Can Dusty avoid tragedy at their hands?

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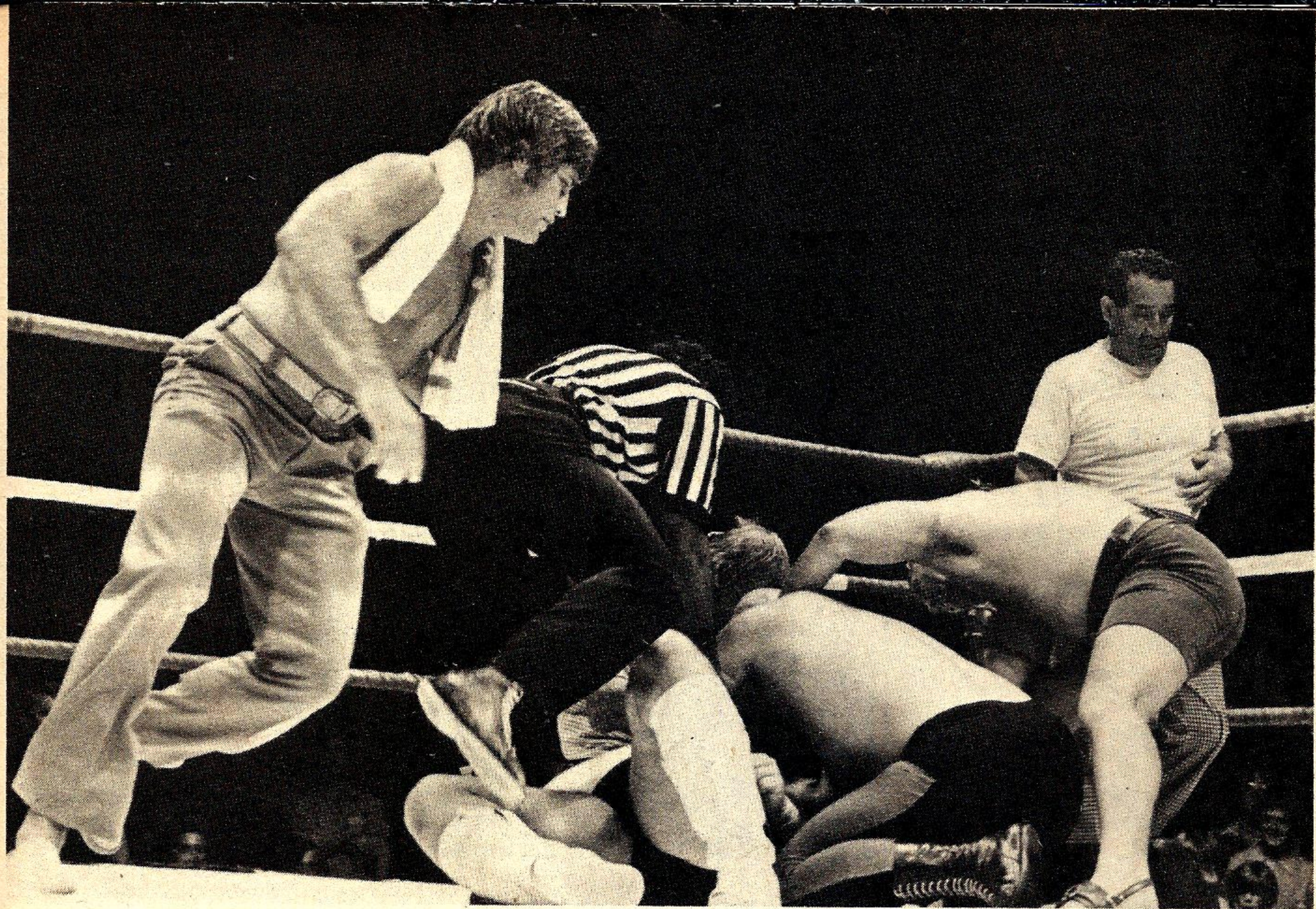
Left: Due to the intense pressure exerted by Baron Von Raschke's clawhold, a blood vessel erupts in Dusty Rhodes' arm; an injury which could cause a man to die! As Dusty cringes in agony, those who are determined to stop him are cheering Baron on, hoping to have even more damage inflicted on Dusty's arm!

DUSTY RHODES WOULD like to call this bicentennial year his year—the year of the "American Dream." Unfortunately, Dusty keeps running into obstacles in his path to glory.

Now Dusty has encountered the biggest obstacle of all—the German roadblock placed in his path to stop him from realizing his dream. And Dusty is very upset about it.

"Why do I have to keep wrestling with German grapplers?" asked Dusty. "I am convinced there is a conspiracy against me. Someone, somewhere, is out to destroy my American Dream, and I want to know who it is."

"They keep pitting me against German wrestlers, which gives me an indication there are some Germans behind the plot. But why



GERMAN WRESTLERS MUST DESTROY THE AMERICAN DREAM

are they destroying the American Dream? What good can come from it? Why don't they want everyone to realize that I am the greatest wrestler there ever was or ever will be?

"I demand an answer!"

Dusty's allegations may not be so farfetched. Recently, the majority of his opponents have been German—from Killer Krupp to Horst Hoffman. But what Dusty fails to mention is that these grapplers have given him some of the toughest battles of his career. Is it just a coincidence these brutal battles have come since he announced his plans for an "American Dream" movement?

By far the most brutal German opponent Dusty has faced since he began his quest for glory is the infamous Baron Von Raschke. The

Baron's notorious tactics have become legend in many parts of the world.

Before the match Dusty laughed at the stories, saying he was confident Baron Von Raschke would be one German he would have no problems with.

"That guy will be a pushover," said Dusty. "He ain't no challenge for the American Dream. Ha, I'll beat him easy!" Dusty would soon stop laughing.

As soon as Dusty entered the arena, the fans started cheering wildly. Many in attendance had already begun to believe in Dusty's "American Dream" movement. Others, though not yet on that bandwagon, were still awed by the presence of the great grappler. Dusty waved to his adoring fans.

When Von Raschke entered, the spectators immediately started booing the giant German grappler. He just snarled right back at them: "Tonight, I will destroy the American Dream!"

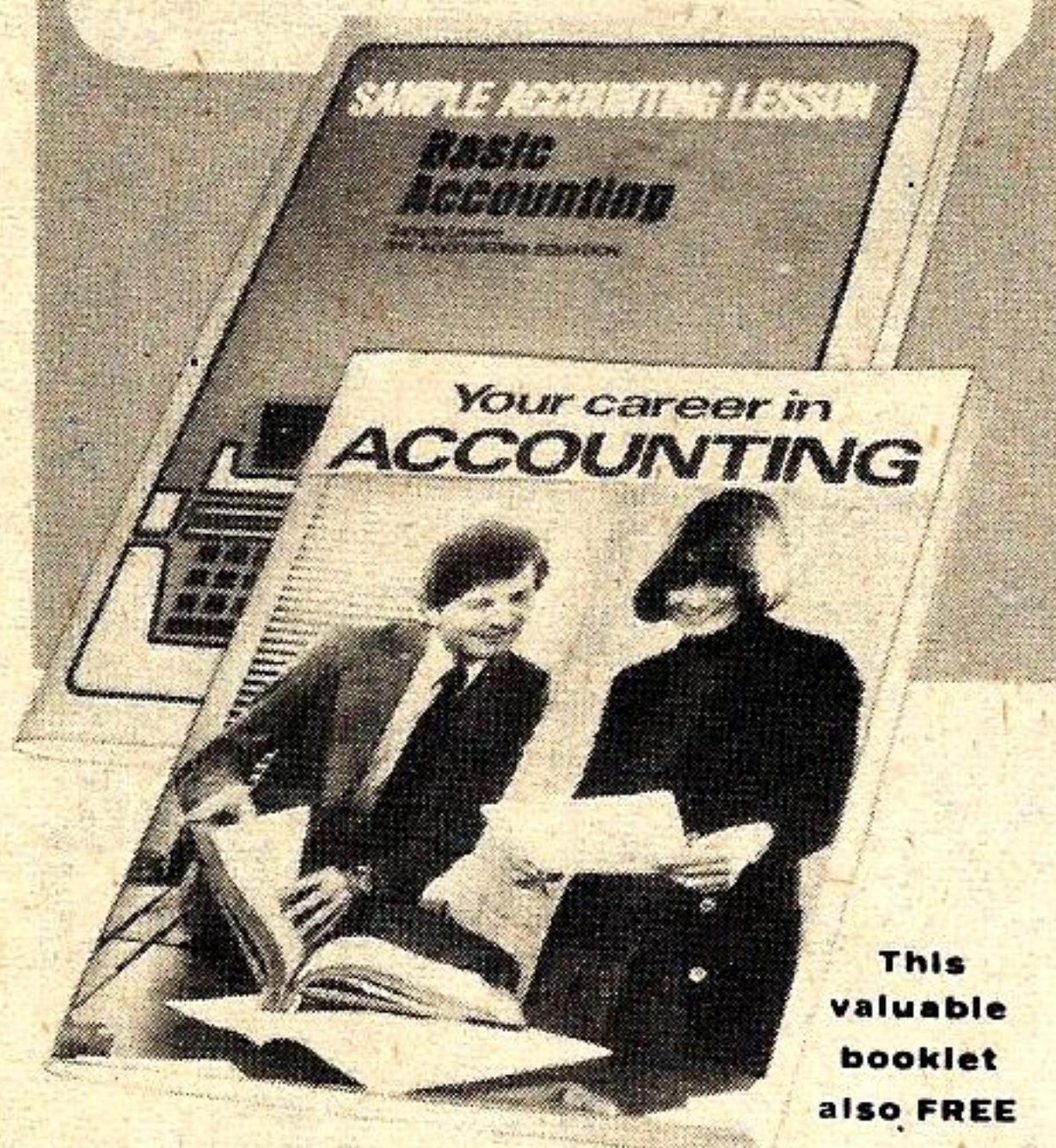
The moment the bell sounded, Von Raschke set out to make his threat a reality. With alarming speed, the German grappler rushed head-long into Dusty, knocking the American Dream to the canvas.

But Dusty was somehow able to scramble to his feet. He grabbed Von Raschke around the middle, and the two big wrestlers were caught in a vise-like headlock. Neither one seemed to budge, though the muscles on both men were straining.

The referee stepped in at this

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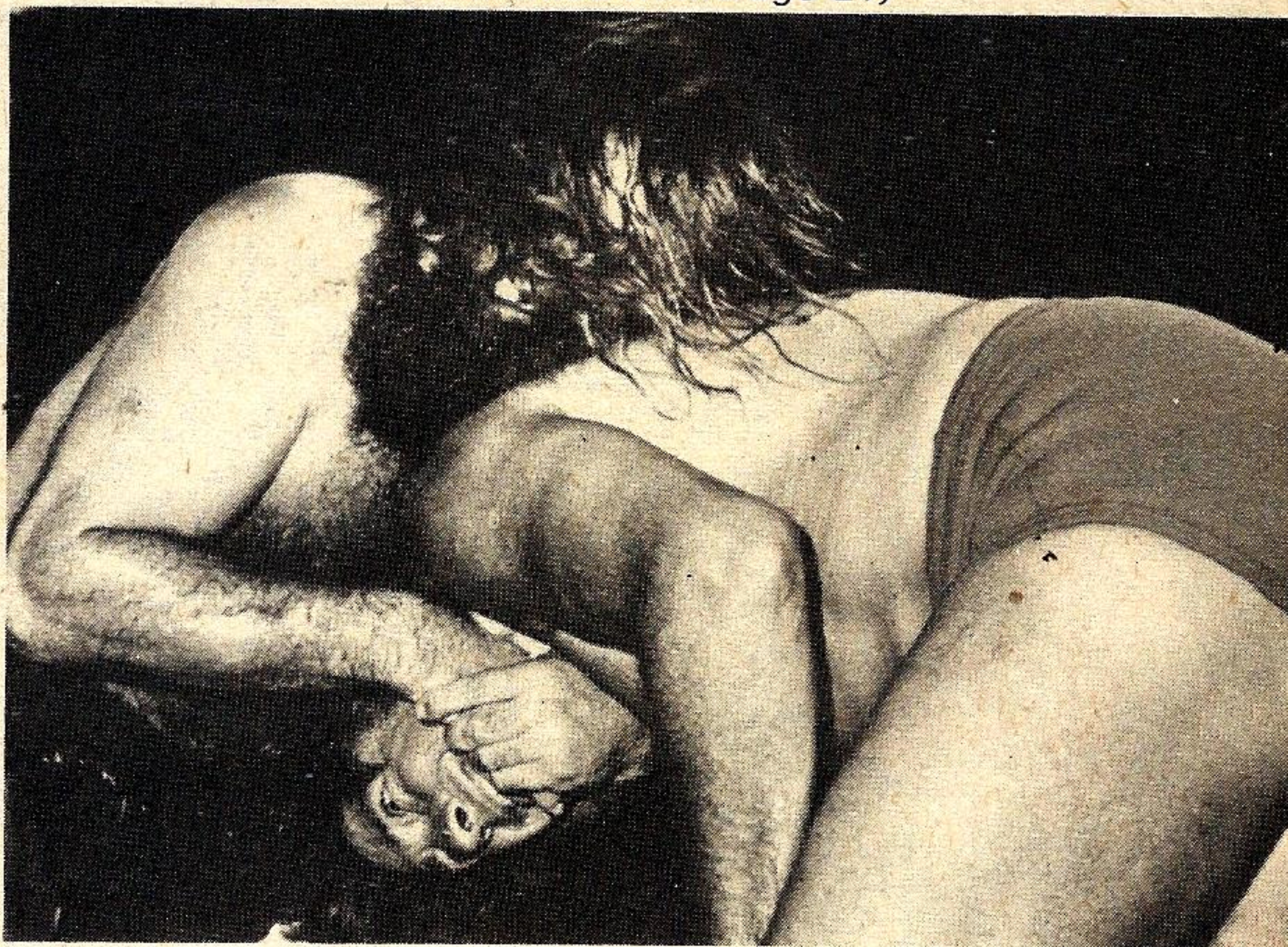
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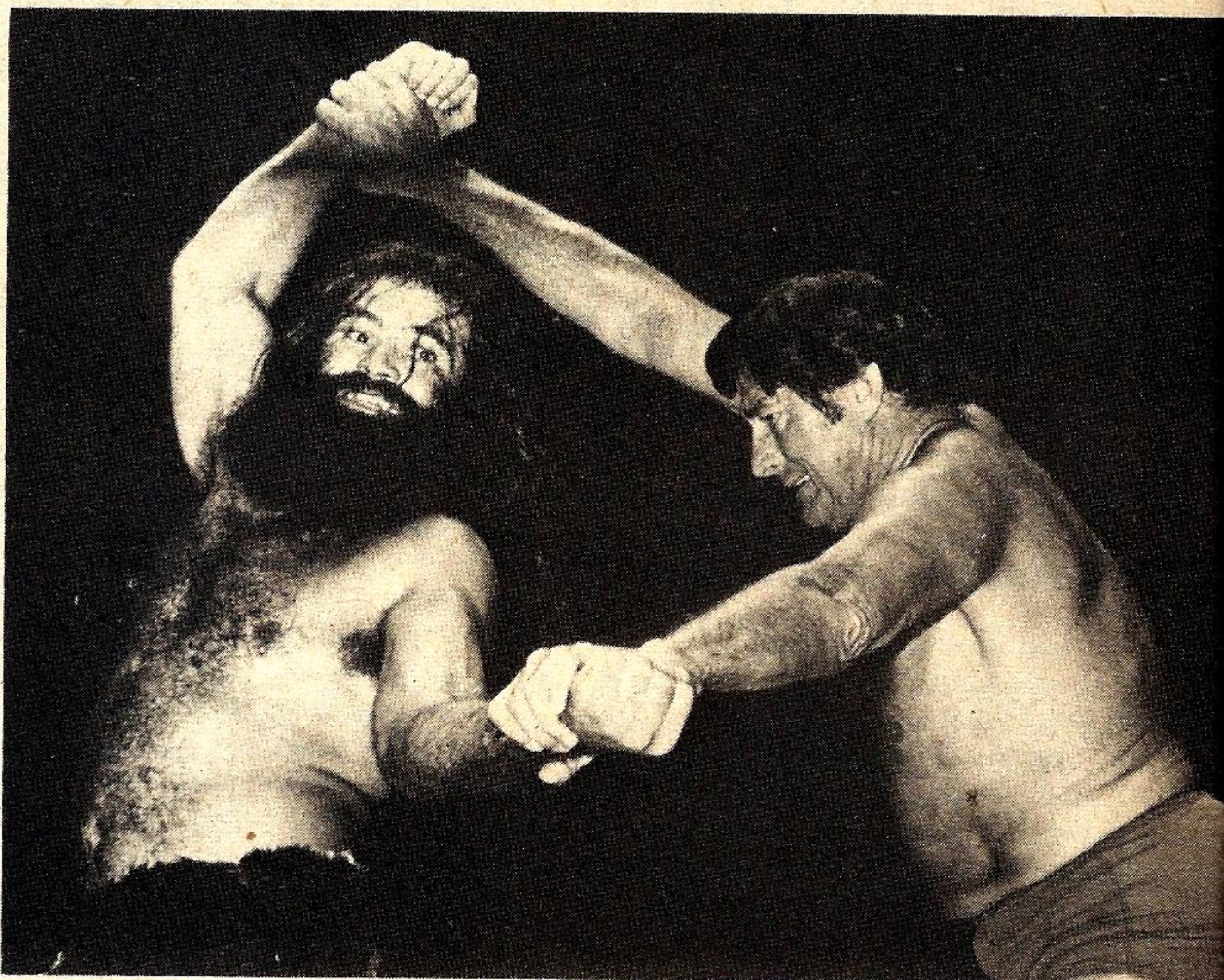
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THE TERROR THAT GRIPS TORONTO

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Below: Lord Athel Layton wins a test of strength against Wolfman and tries to twist his foe to the canvas. Wolfman escaped by biting Lord Layton's forearm. Above: Wolfman is a merciless and dangerous man when he chokes an opponent. Lord Layton can barely breathe from the pressure as he slumps helplessly to the canvas.



Wildman they team up.

To be sure the new team would work, the two traveled back to Wolfman's old arena in northern Ontario. There they perfected several tactics, while they learned

to mesh their styles. The villainous team was getting off to an evil start. Each time they faced another team, a newer, more vicious tactic would emerge. Soon they returned to Toronto.



Duncan McTavish flips Wildman across the ring early in the match. For this, Wildman went after Duncan with a vengeance!

Their first match in Toronto was against the team of Lord Layton and Duncan McTavish. Those two wrestlers never knew what hit them.

Fans in Maple Leaf Garden were stunned as they watched Wolfman and Wildman. Never had they seen two more vicious grapplers! As soon as one was in trouble, he would claw at his opponent and tag his partner. Sometimes, the other half of the wild team did not even wait to be tagged. The scene was uncontrollable.

The referee tried to stop Wolfman from employing illegal holds on Layton, but Wolfman ignored him and did what he pleased. Wildman would grab McTavish by the hair and force him to the mat, and the referee could do nothing to stop him, but disqualify the wild team.

But being disqualified did not change the outcome of the match—both Layton and McTavish were so badly mangled they had to be assisted out of the ring and back to the dressing room. It was a sad night in Toronto.

Since that night, very few wrestlers have been willing to do battle with the new tag team. Many Toronto fans are hoping another team will arise and put an end to the brutal tactics of Wolfman and Wildman. Until that time, the terror they create in Toronto will go unchecked. □



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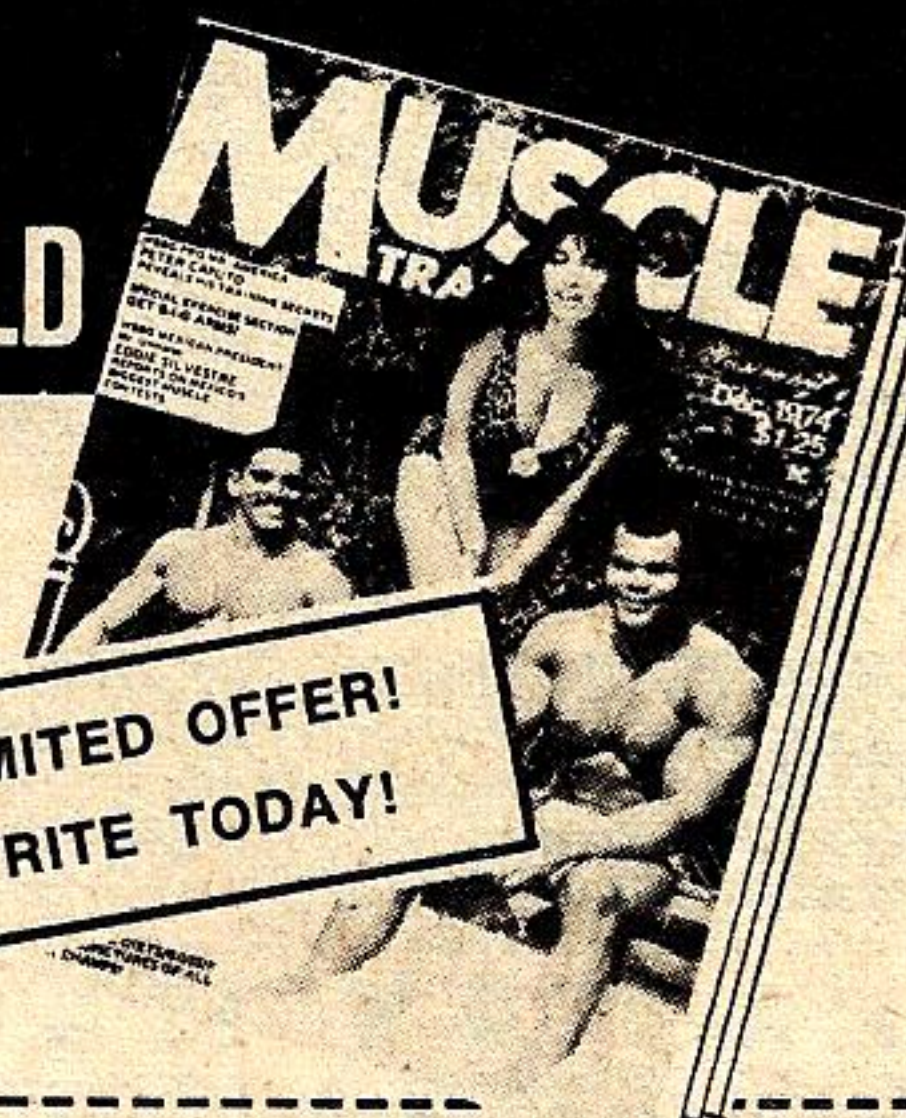
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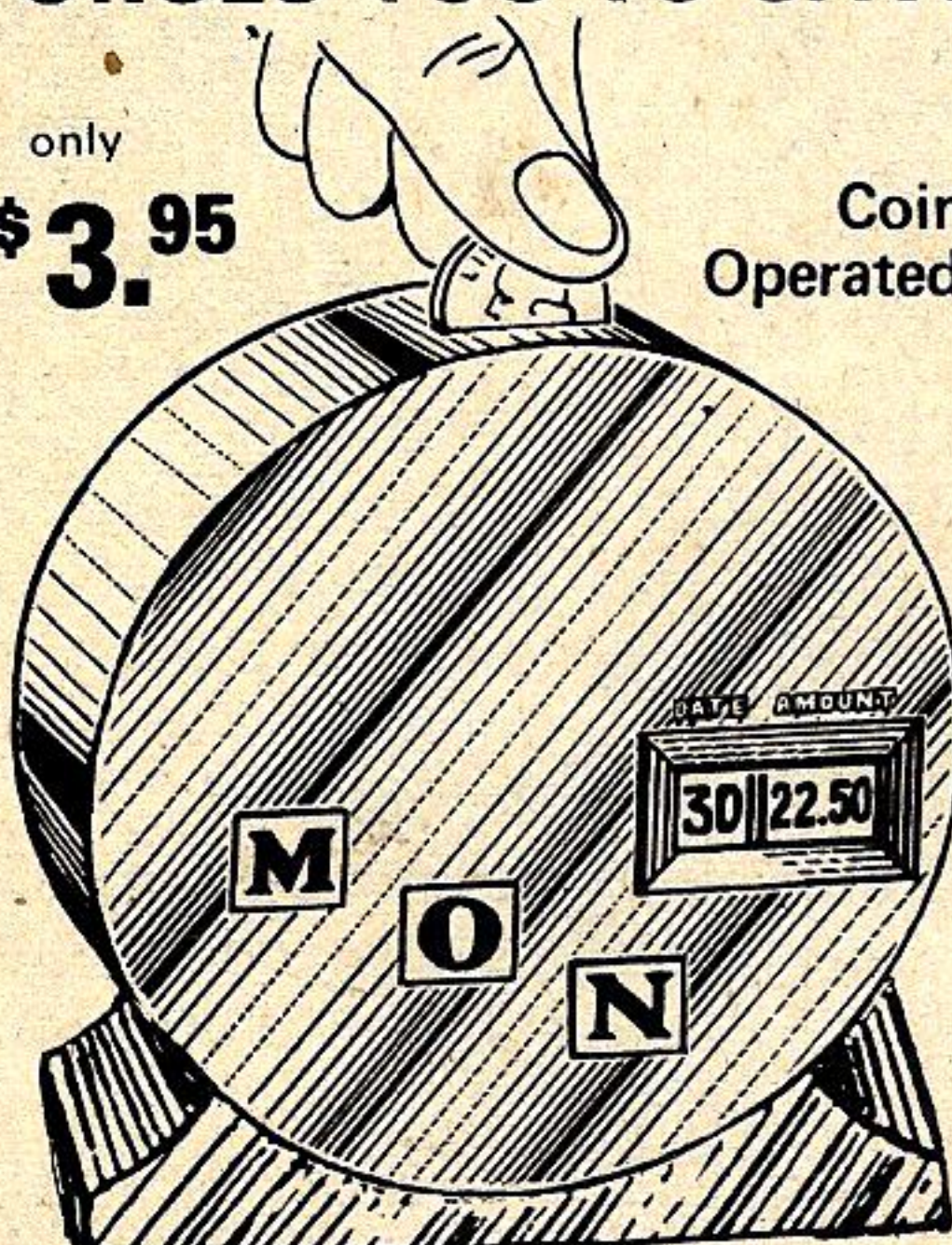
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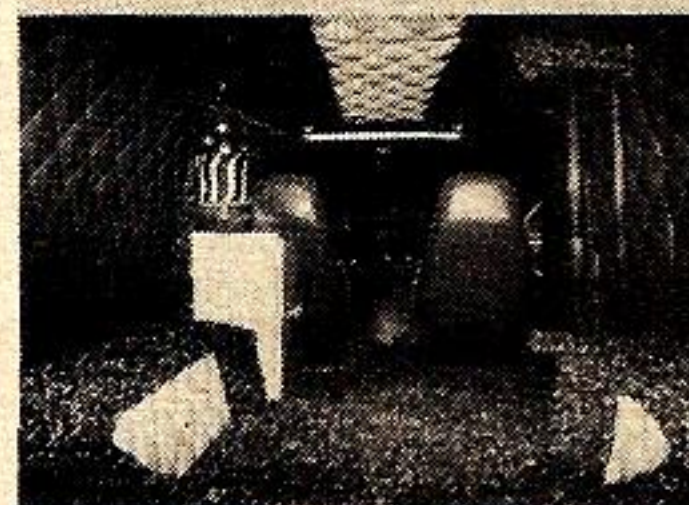


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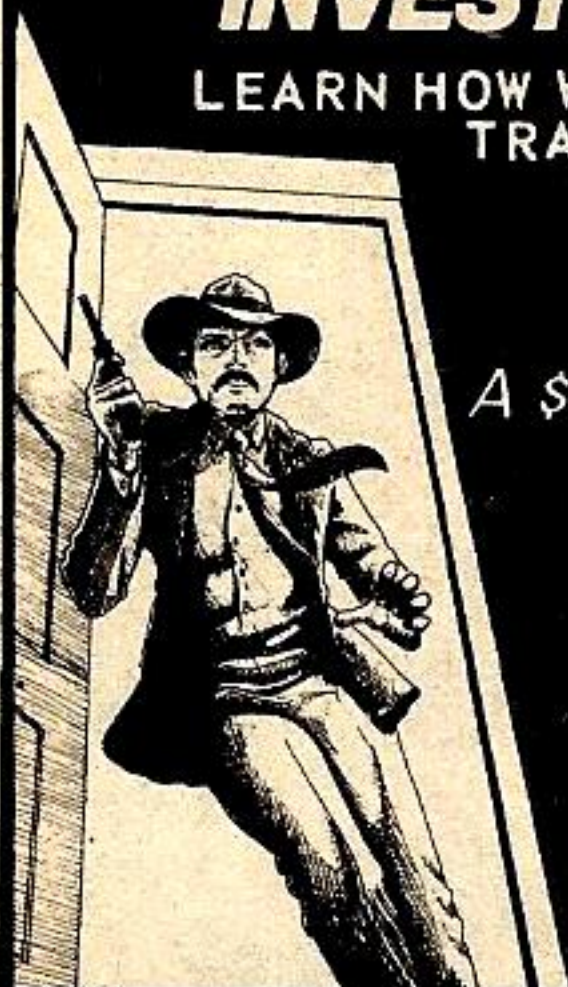
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YOUR LETTERS

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W.W.W.F. of all its dirty wrestlers.

So let's hear it for Haystacks
Calhoun, one of the greatest wrestlers
of all time.

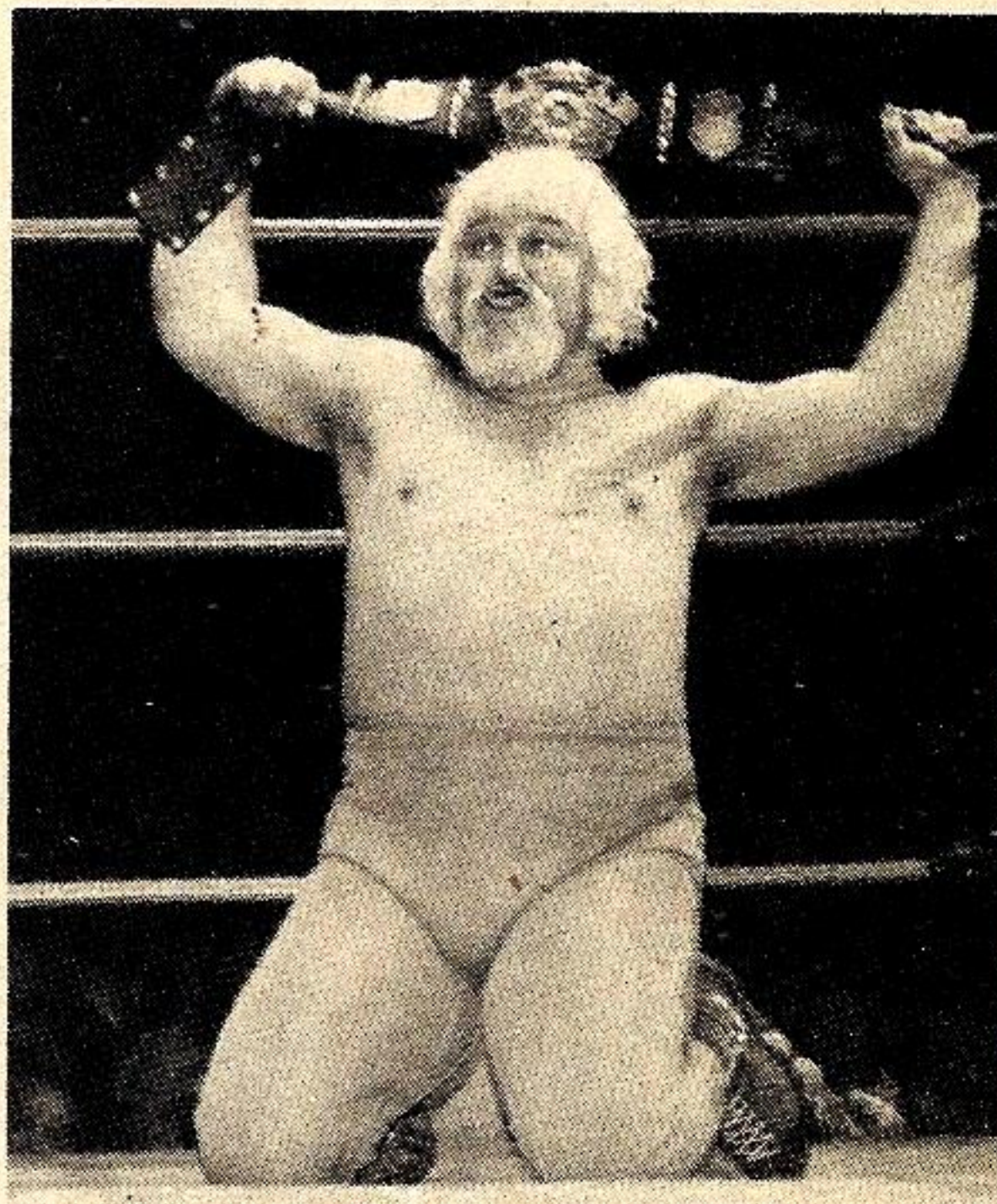
ALLAN MELTZER
Bellmore, New York

PROVE IT, MOONDOG

So Moondog Mayne thinks the fans
should change their attitude toward
him (THE WRESTLER/December
1975)? I'm sorry, but I just can't help
but suspect a hidden motive behind
this sudden reformation. You just
can't make a silk purse out of a sow's
ear overnight.

It is going to be a long time before I
am convinced Moondog really has
changed. Until then, I would suggest
every wrestler who meets Mayne in
battle be prepared for a sudden dirty
tactic.

D.R. GREENMAN
Sepulveda, California



STOP THE INVASION

In your story, "The Invasion Has
Begun," the Invaders told your
reporter they would have every west
coast title in a year's time. For the sake
of wrestling, let's hope not!

Surely there must be a tag team who
can defeat this vicious and cruel duo.
There is no excuse for what they did to
Pat Patterson.

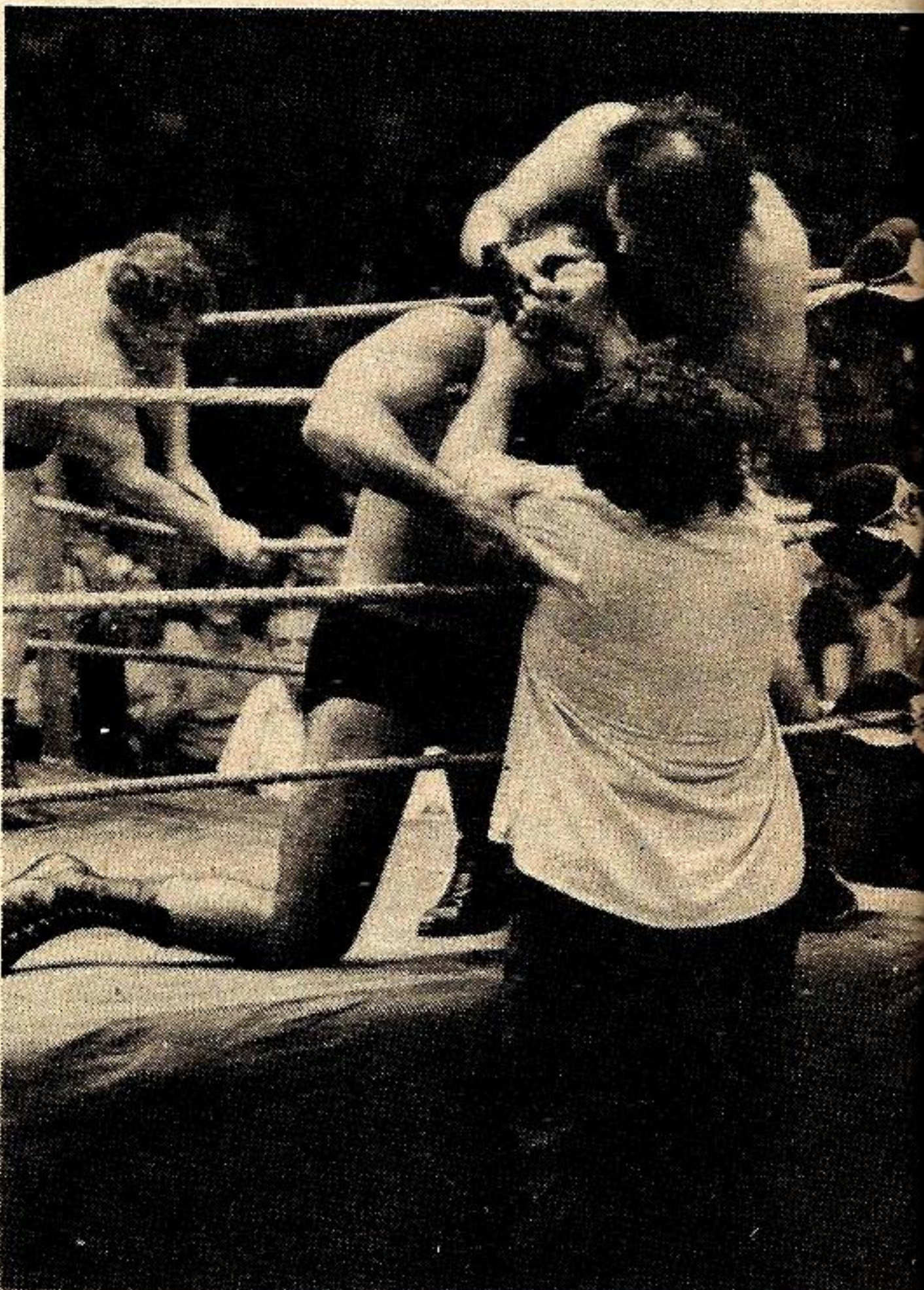
Watching a good tag team wrestle is
a very enjoyable experience. Watching
the Invaders grappling is like attending
a sadist's convention. They must be
stopped!

GEORGE LONG
Atwater, California

HOW COULD IT HAPPEN?

I am still stunned over the fact The
Blackjacks are now the W.W.W.F. tag
team champions (THE WRESTLER/
December 1975). By all rights,
Dominic DeNucci and Pat Barrett
should still be wearing the belts.

If the only way The Blackjacks can
wear the belts is through cheating,
they don't deserve to be champions.
The title match just was not fair!



Above: Fans are outraged at how
The Blackjacks, managed by Lou
Albano, won the W.W.W.F. tag
team belts by cheating. Left:
Moondog Mayne is trying to make
the fans believe he is changed.

The Blackjacks must have a rematch
against Barrett and DeNucci if they are
to prove they really deserve the
championship. Until such time as a
rematch occurs, they will wear the
belts only by a fluke of luck; they will
not have earned their honors!

MARCIA LEVENTHAL
Wilmington, Vermont

LIFE OF A LEGEND

I can't tell you how many times I've
read "Bruno Sammartino" (THE
WRESTLER/October 1975), this
great wrestler's complete life story,
because I'll have probably read it a
dozen more times when you get this
letter.

It's one of the most thrilling sagas ever written. And when one realizes Bruno actually lived through this tempestuous life to emerge as a great wrestler and human being, it's enough to take one's breath away. That he survived at all is a miracle!

Bruno is always a thrilling wrestler to watch. Now I know why!

TOM LACKEY

Providence, Rhode Island

COMPASSION ADMIRER

All professional athletes should take a lesson from Dom DeNucci and Tony Parisi ("Split Him In Half!" [THE WRESTLER/October 1975]). Though they could have destroyed the Patriot's career and earned a reputation for themselves as dangerous men, they chose to let their opponent free before he suffered permanent injury.

This happens rarely in any sport; it's almost unheard of in professional wrestling. However, this is supposed to be what sport is all about—respecting while beating an opponent.

We can thank Parisia and DeNucci for reminding the sport's world about its root and its need for mutual respect.

LOUIS SOLOMINI

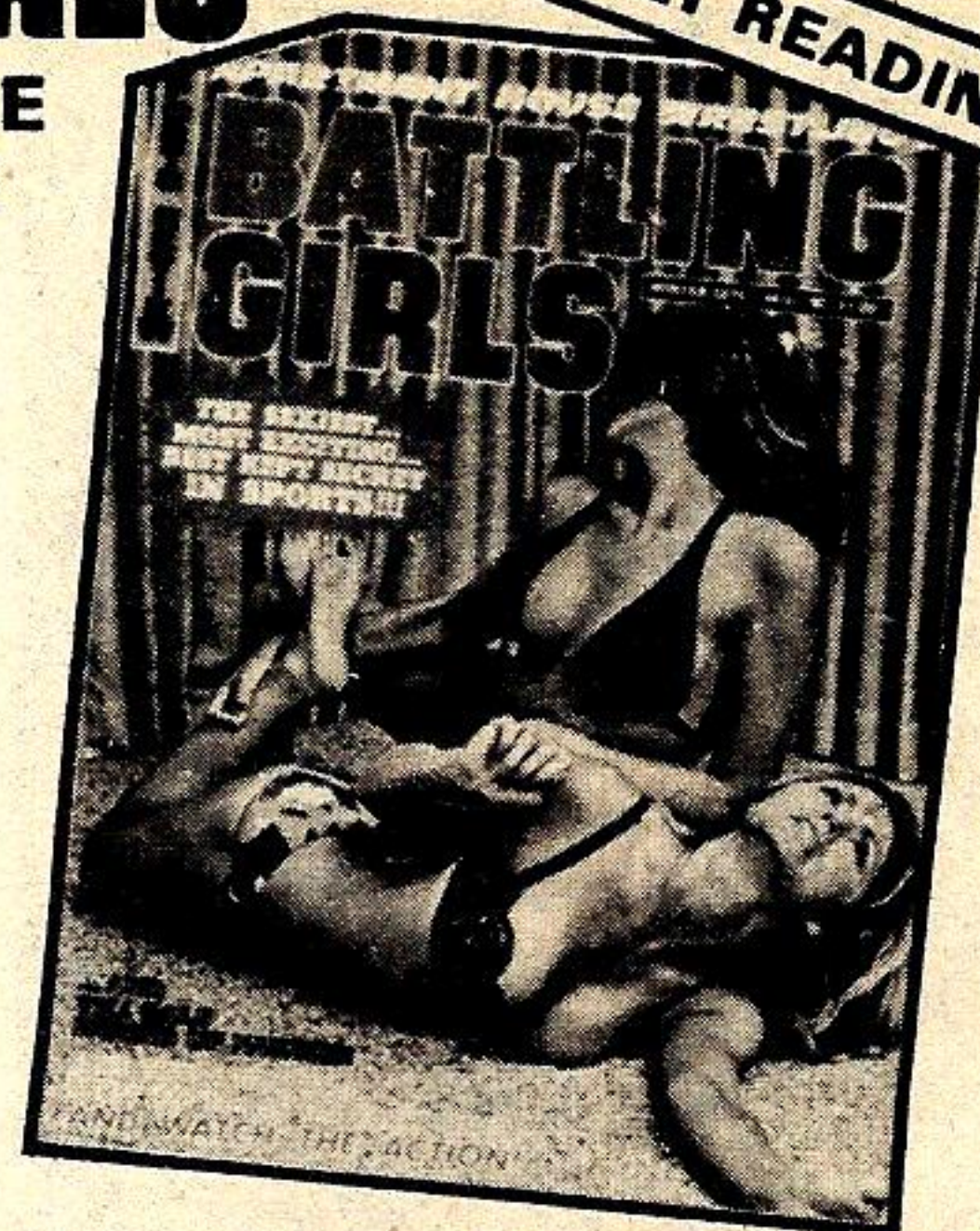
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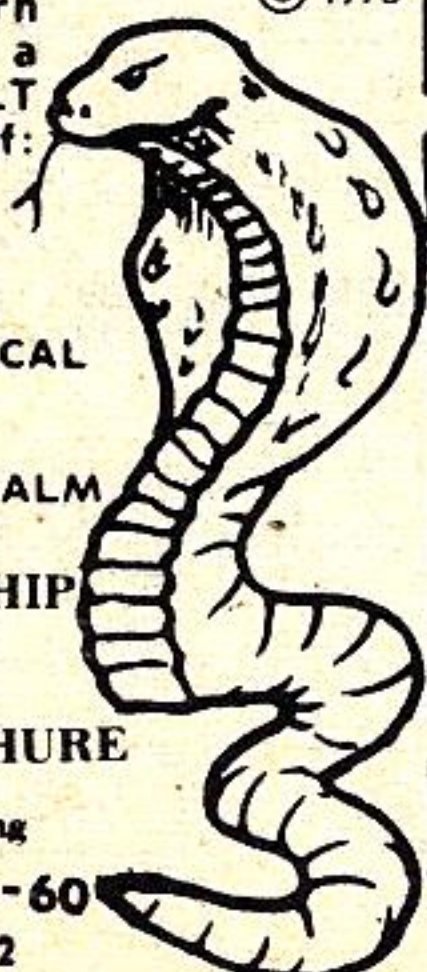
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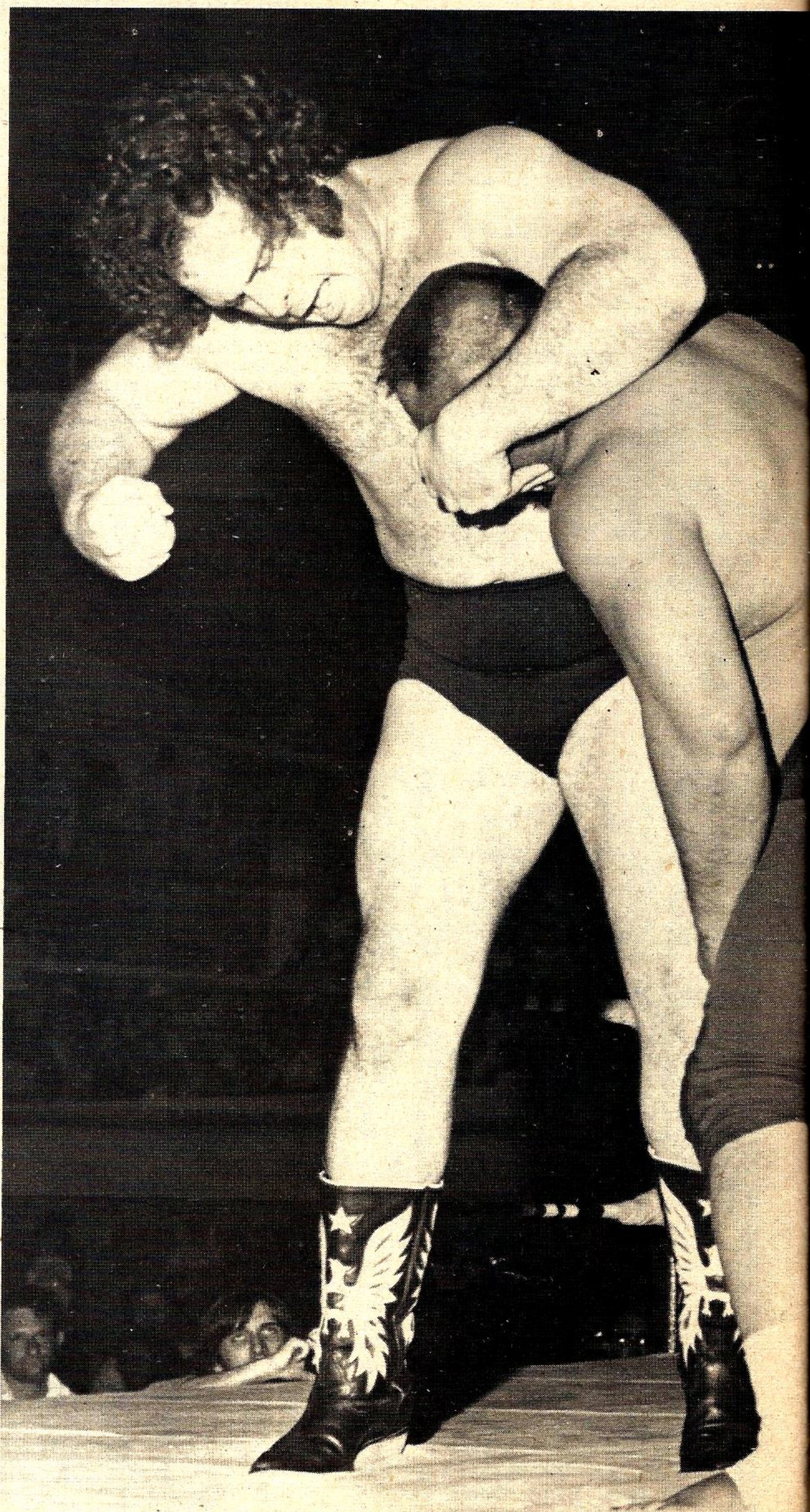
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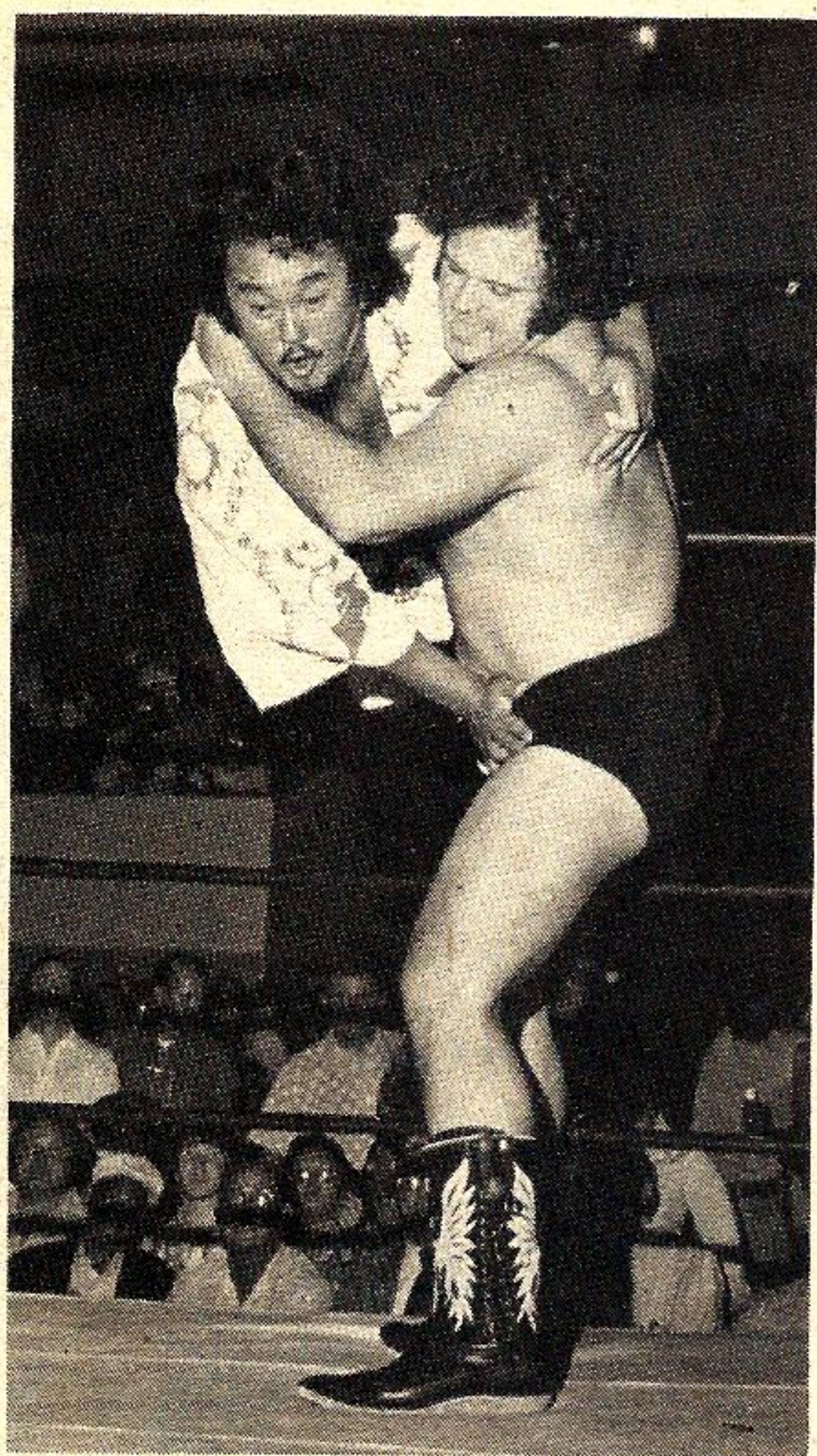
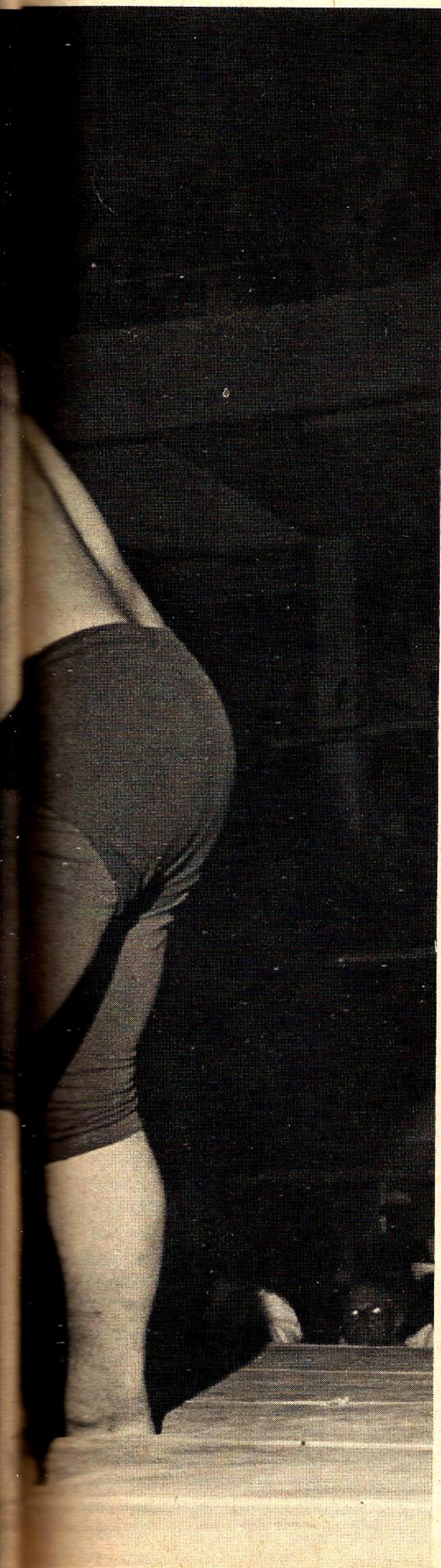
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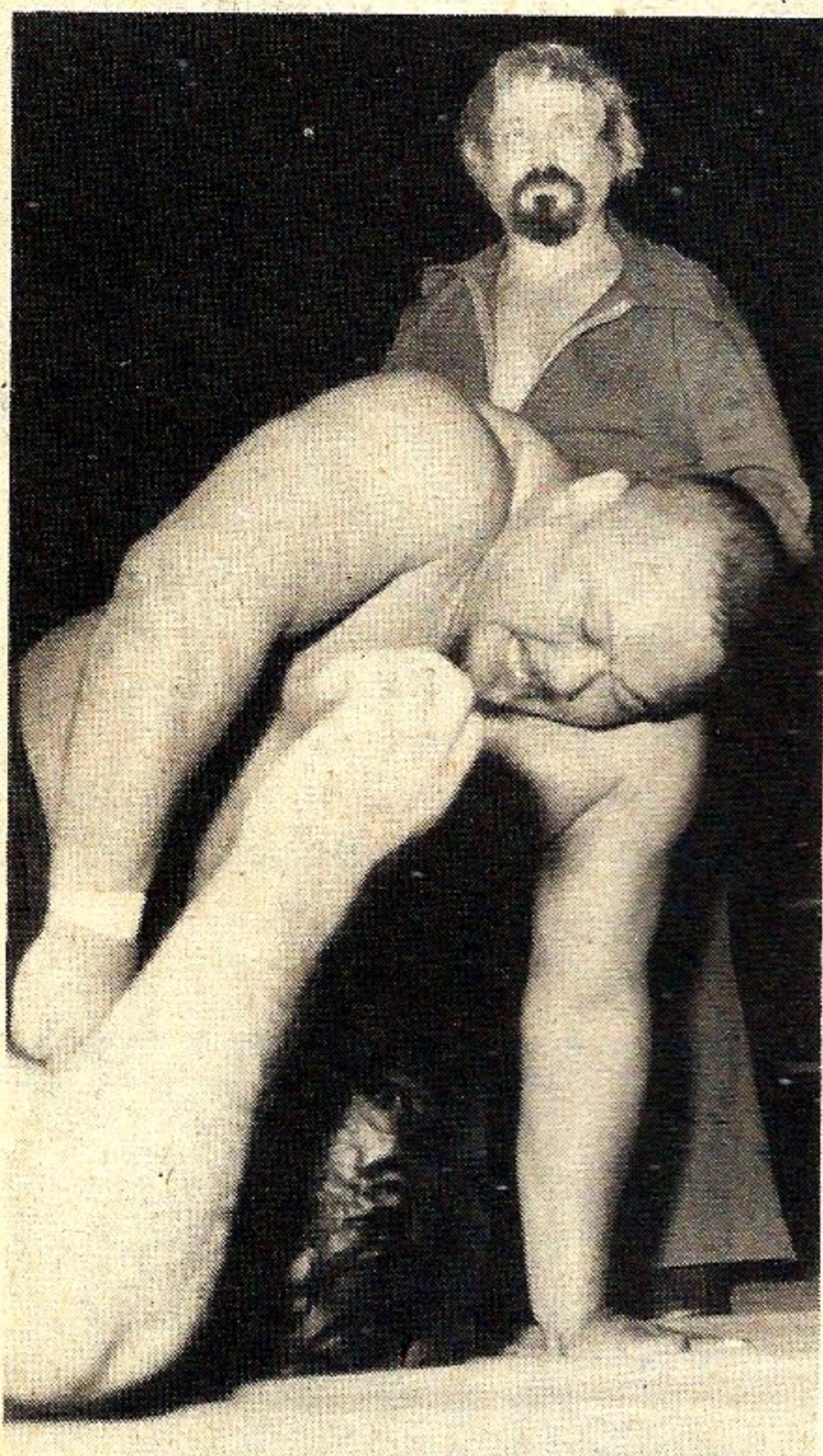
TANAKA'S VOW

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Above: Watts drags Mr. Fugi into the ring. Left: Watts slams Tanaka repeatedly in the head. Below: Tanaka's manager, Rock Hunter, helps his wrestler hit Bruno Sammartino senseless.



in his quest shall die horribly. It's usually reserved for a man's enemies before going off to war. Tanaka has just sworn it against his friends.

"Those who are the victims of this oath are usually found dismembered beyond recognition. On their faces is slashed the mark of the *Quen-Shi-To*,

the 'doomed to perish.' I have seen ancient paintings of this murder. Please don't ask me to describe it further.

"There hasn't been a report of this kind of honor slaying for almost a century. I didn't even think anyone existed who still knew the complete chant. It's as if an English wrestler swore by the Knights of the Round-table!

"This isn't something done in anger which Tanaka will forget. It's a sin to do this unless one is in a coldly rational frame of mind, or *Kanno-Wee*, as the Samurai would say. Tanaka knows exactly what he's doing. That's what scares me so.

"I don't know about you gentlemen, but I'm leaving. In fact, if I never interview him again it will be too soon! Everyone here knows I'm no coward, but right now I'm terrified!"

Most of the reporters left with the correspondent. Those few who stayed behind weren't quite sure why they remained. Their Japanese colleague had given them the story. Tanaka could add little to it. After talking among themselves for a few minutes, they all admitted they had to see what a man dedicated to murder looked like after his vow had been made. To share the same space with this man would be an experience never to be forgotten. If they could communicate that sensation to their readers, it would be the high point of their careers.

Those expecting a savage beast were disappointed. Few could remember ever seeing Tanaka so calm. He was almost in a trance. All his decisions were behind him. He was committed to a course of action. His entire body was in harmony with his mission; no sign of nerves at all. He was the most content human being in the world.

"I'm glad you gentlemen are here," Tanaka said gently. "I wish to say something. I want as many people to read it as possible. I'll also write out a nice statement for those who couldn't be here now.

"While I appreciate my friends trying to help me when they think I'm in trouble, I've been disqualified too often because of it. I'm not tolerating it any longer. The next person who interferes in my matches will die. By this, I don't mean I'll hurt him, cripple him, or cause him to bleed. I mean I'll kill him. I will suffer any penalty the law sees fit to punish me with. But I will kill him."

Those who saw the terrified Tokyo reporter don't doubt Tanaka means exactly what he says! □

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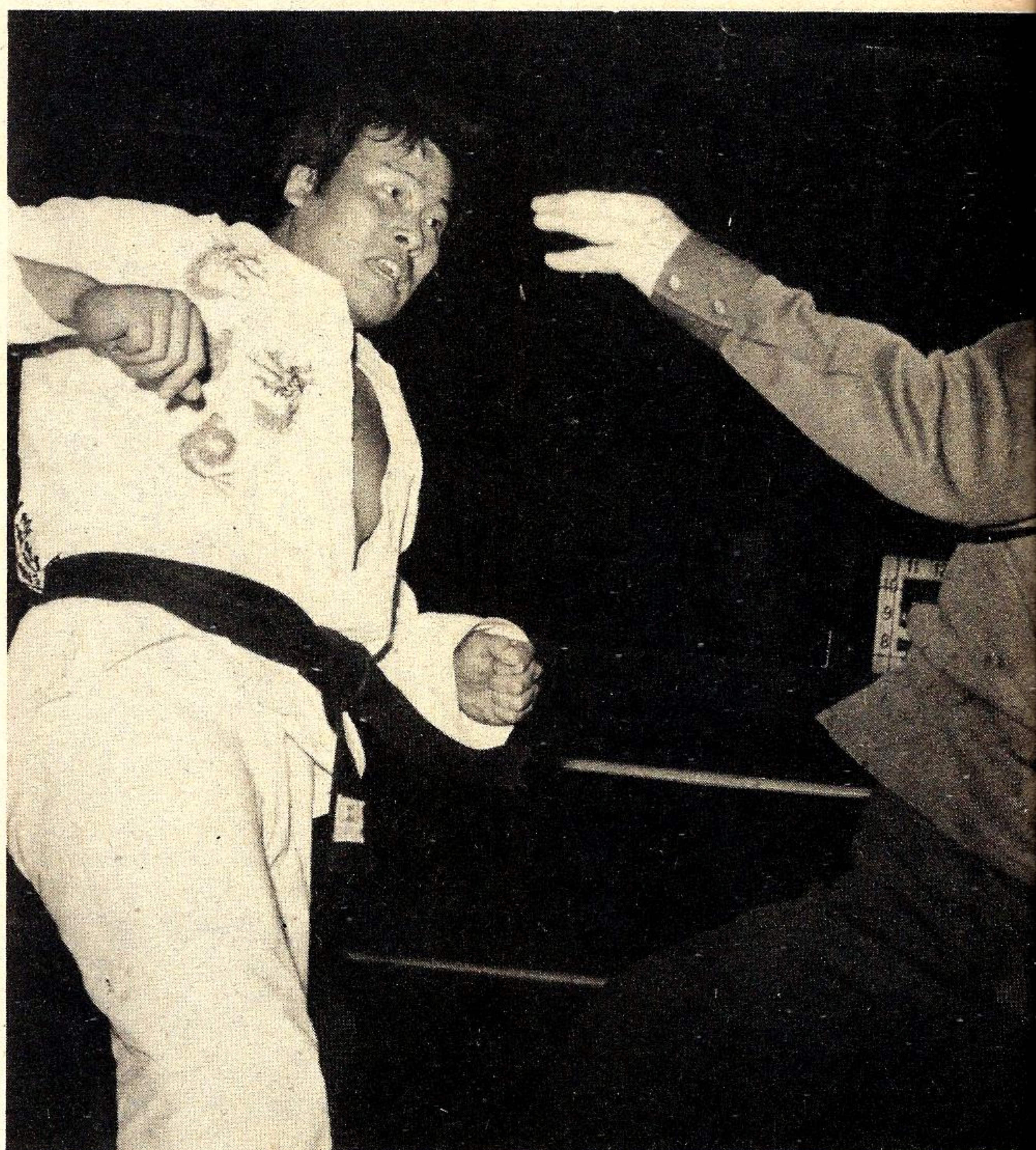
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GREG VALENTINE

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Above: Unarmed, Sir Oliver is no match for the enraged Choi Sun. Humperdink is wearing a patch from when he drove Louis Tillet crazy, causing Louis to almost gouge out Humperdink's eye! Below: Choi Sun uses all his martial arts knowledge to combat Humperdink's heavy club!

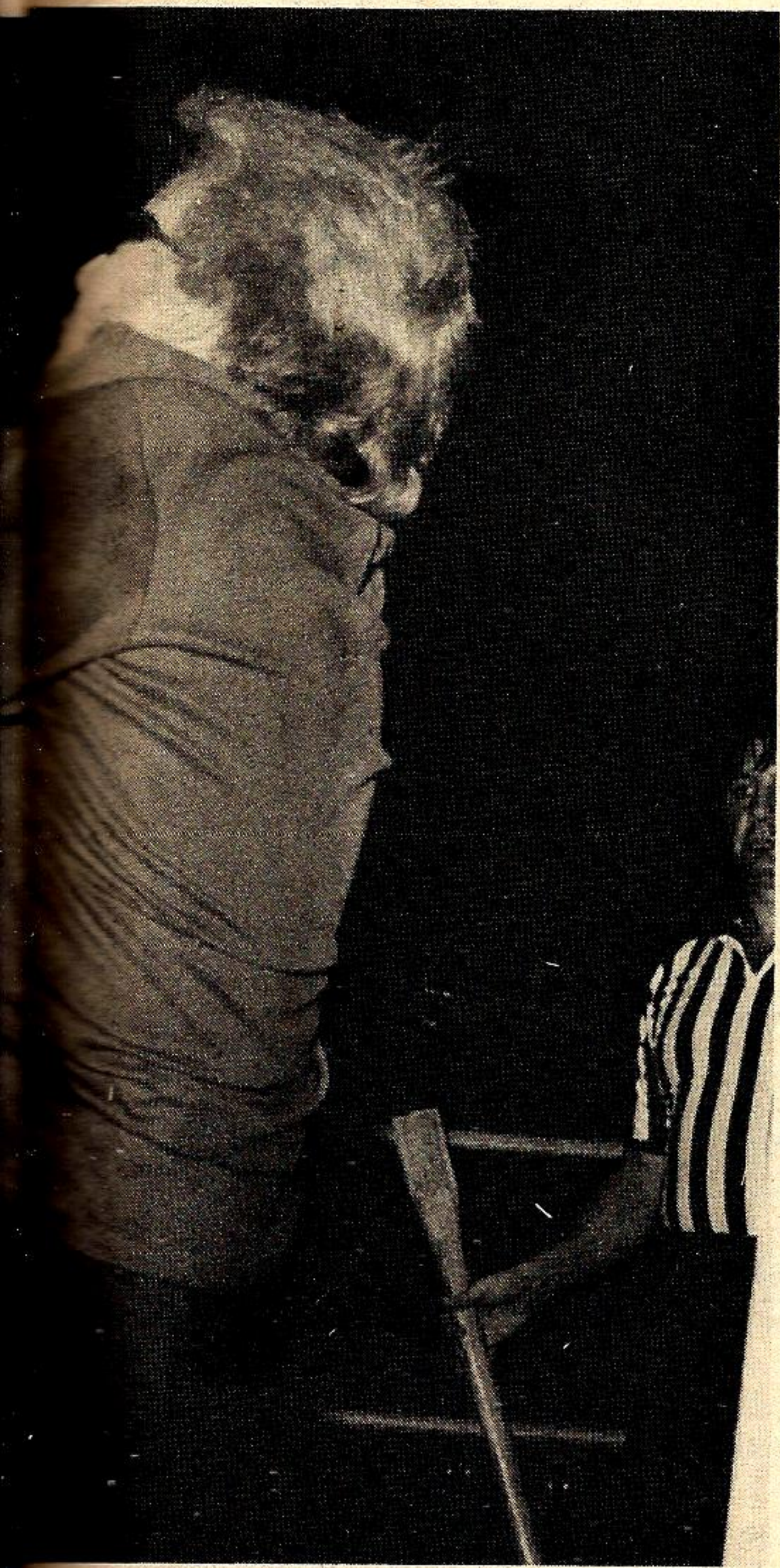


for the match with Choi Sun.

Things did not go well for Choi Sun from the moment he and Valentine climbed into the cage. The minute both of Choi's feet touched the mat, Greg launched his attack.

Valentine grabbed Choi and sent him falling to the floor. Then he started kicking the Korean with his booted feet. Choi screamed in agony, but Greg kept up his brutal assault. The crowd started to boo Valentine loudly, and Greg's attention was momentarily diverted. This afforded Choi Sun the chance to escape from his precarious position.

Then Choi's troubles doubled—literally. Humperdink climbed over the cage and into the action, carrying a large wooden bat! Immediately, Sir Oliver ran to Choi Sun and started clubbing the defenseless wrestler. Choi tried to avoid the blows, but Humperdink was relentless in his attack. Valentine just stood to the side and watched while his manager



mauled his opponent.

In a last ditch effort, Choi grabbed the bat from Sir Oliver, and tossed it to the referee, instructing him to hold on to the weapon. Then he started chasing Humperdink around the cage.

While Choi was chasing Sir Oliver, Greg returned to the action. He wrested the bat from the referee and ran to defend his manager. Greg started chasing Choi Sun around the cage. The referee decided that this was too much, and immediately disqualified Valentine. But Greg didn't stop. He ran after Choi until the Korean grappler had no choice but to scale the wall of the cage and get out of there, with Greg Valentine, bat in hand, in pursuit!

To many people, it does not seem fair Greg was not punished after the match. They feel Valentine and Humperdink should have been banned for using a bat in the cage. There is a limit to the use of illegal tactics, and Greg Valentine has passed it. □

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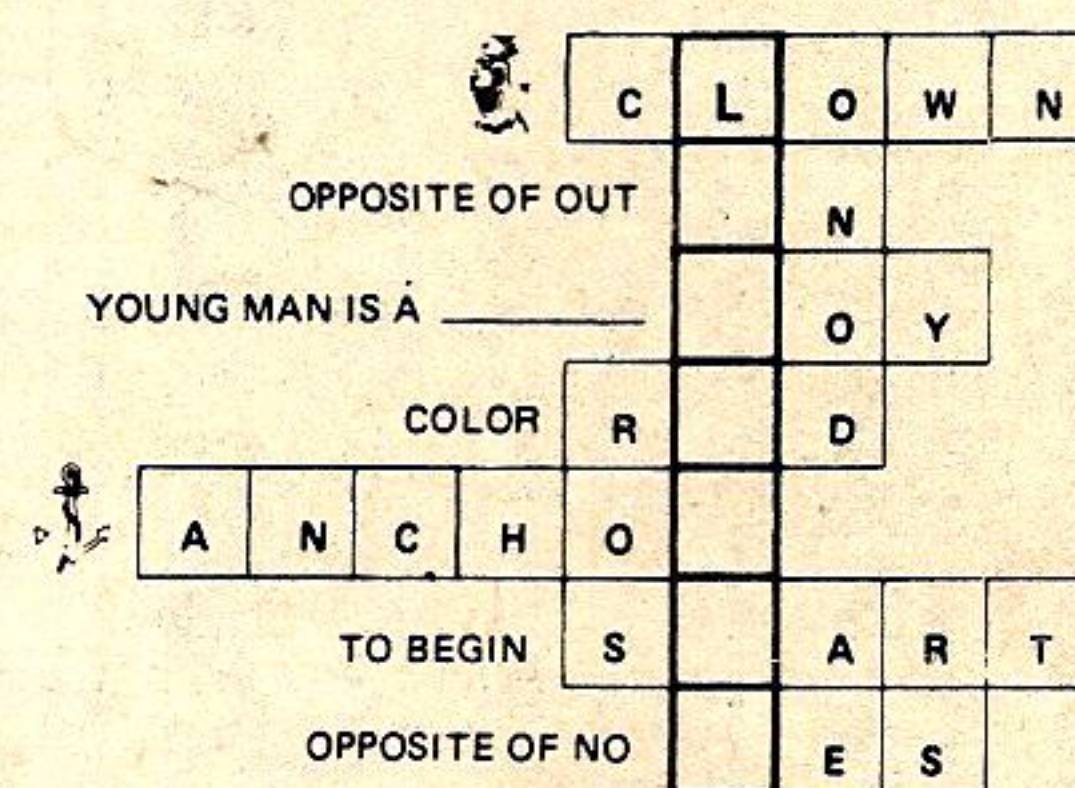
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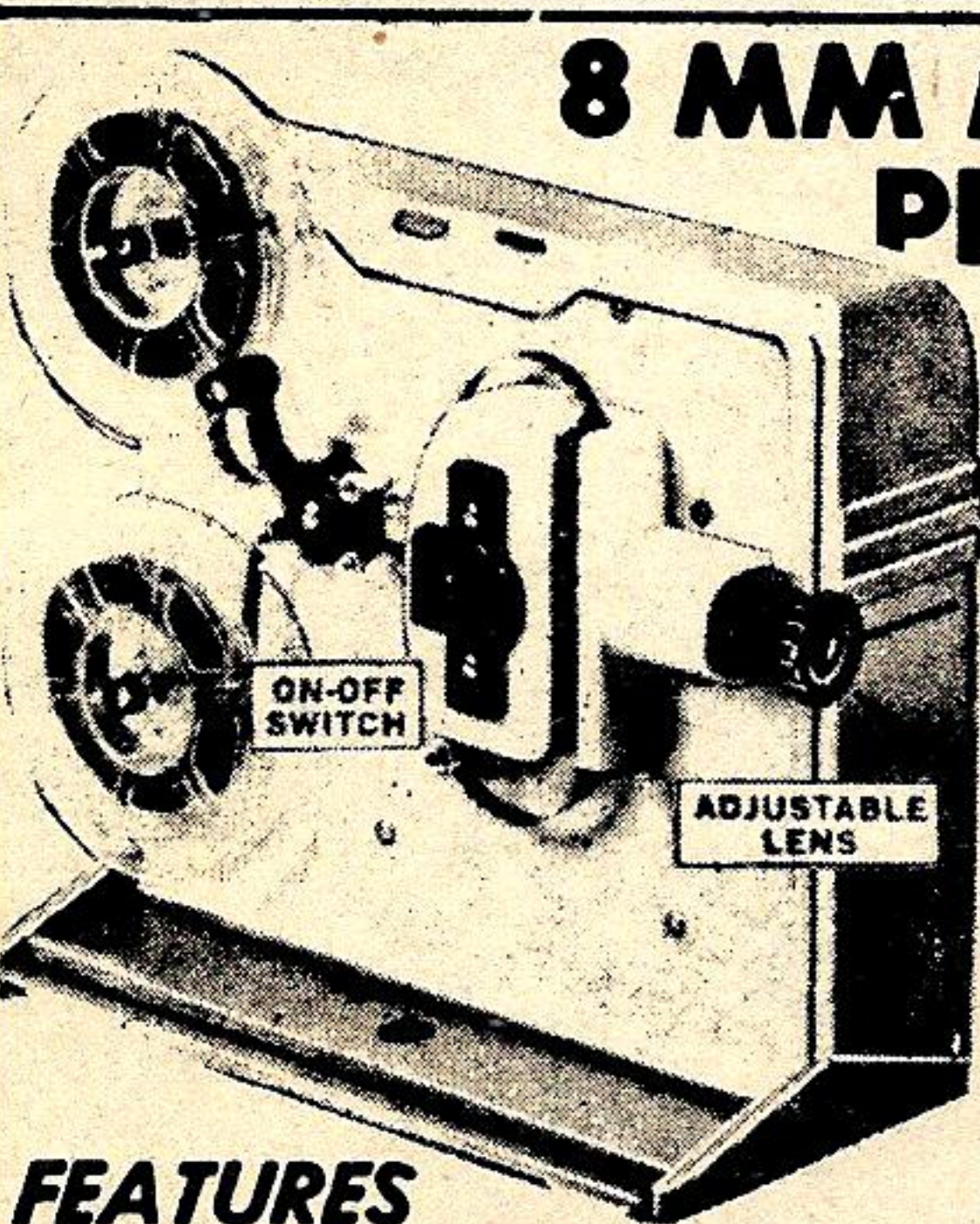
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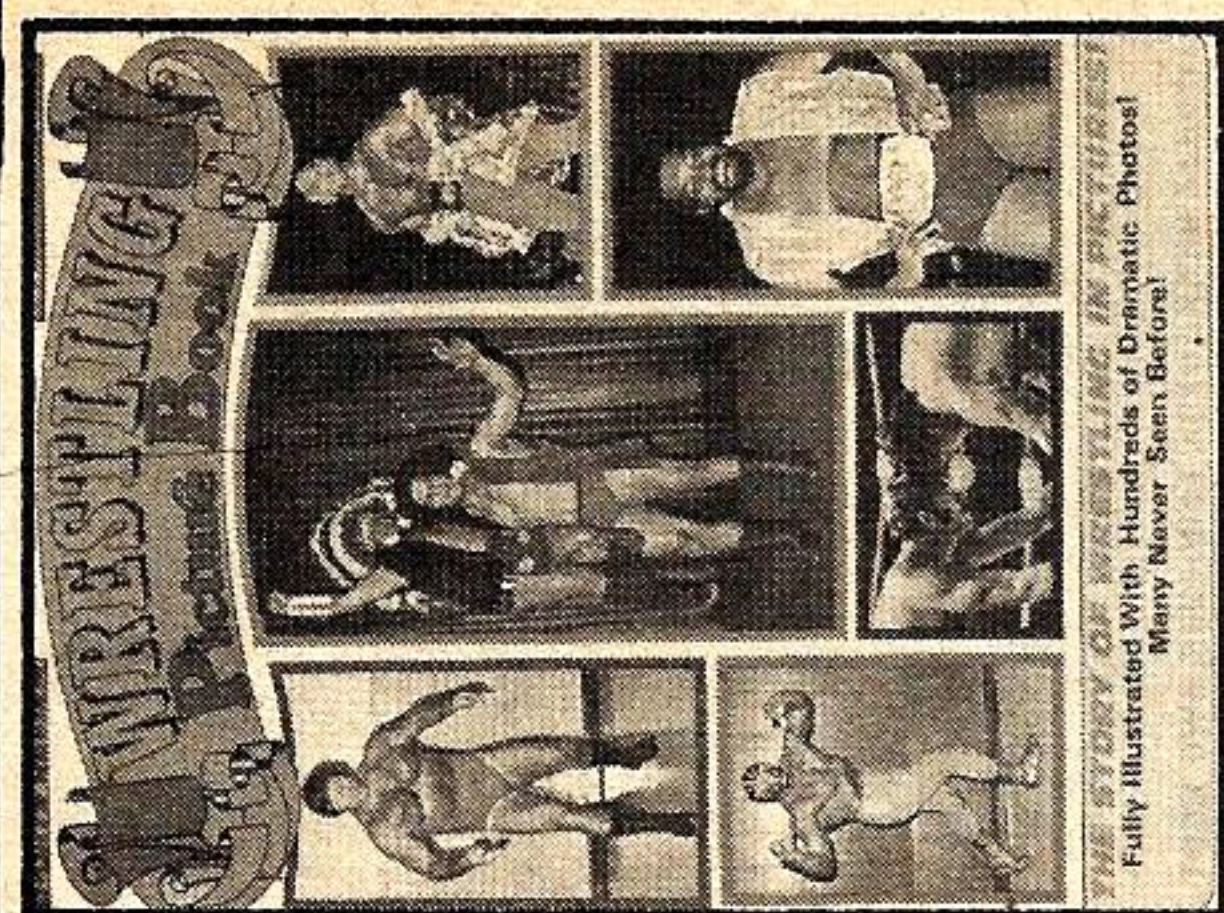


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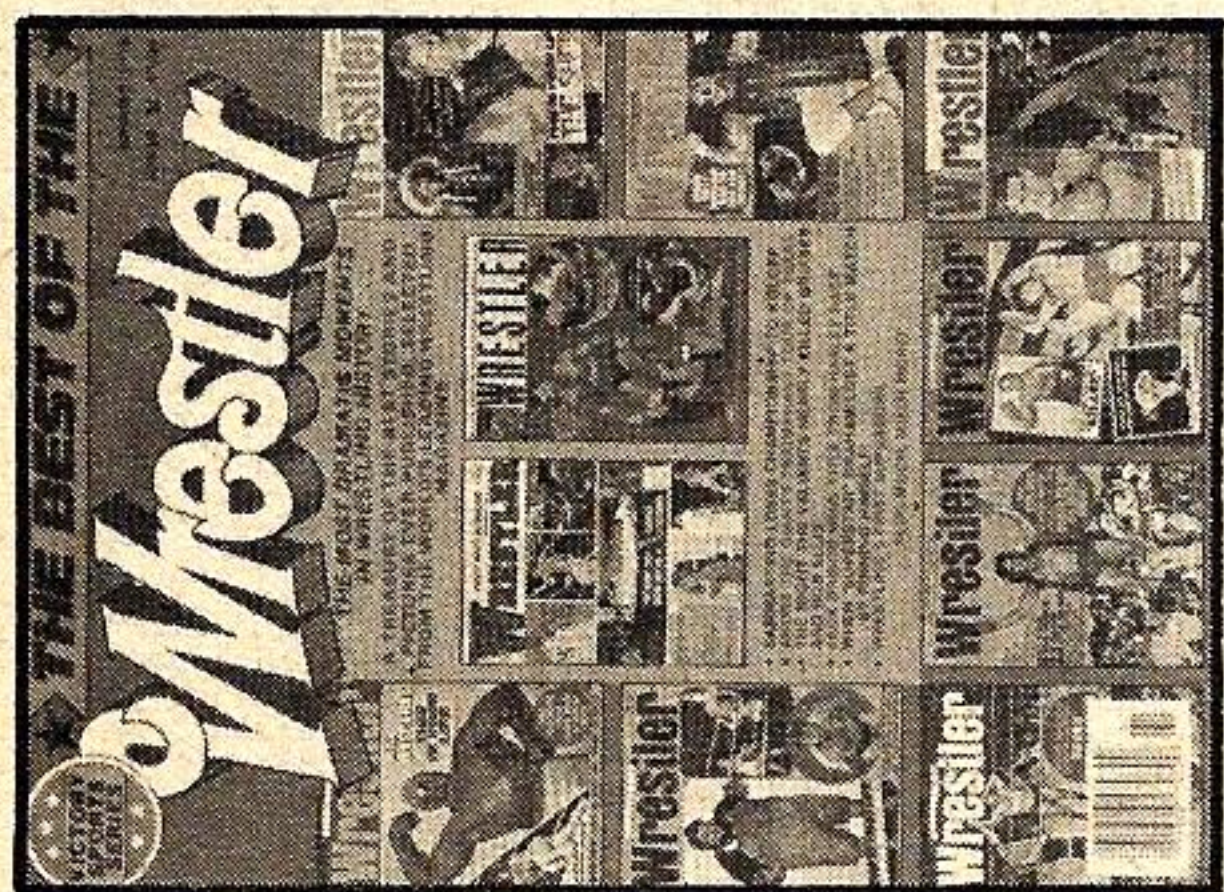


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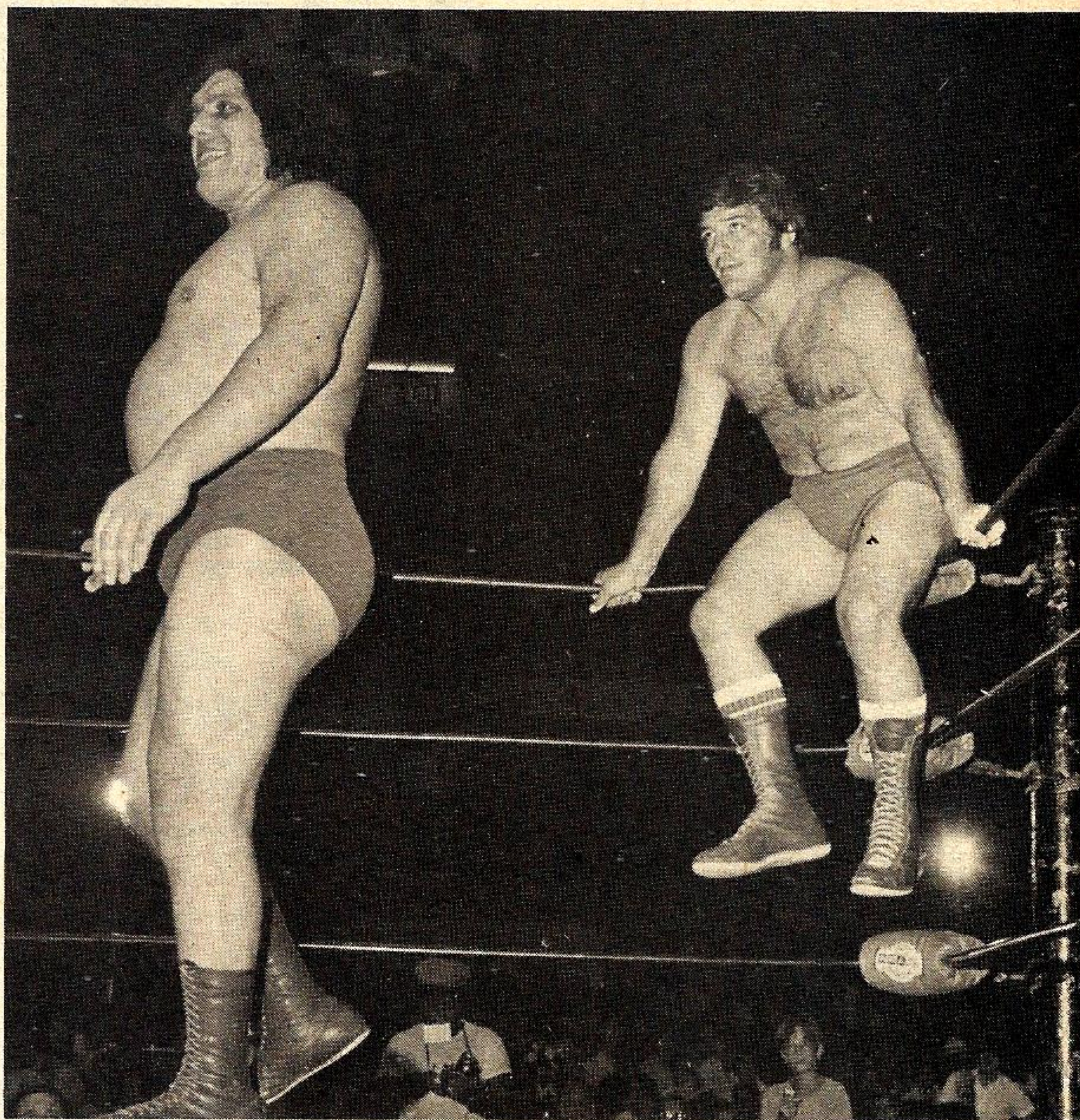
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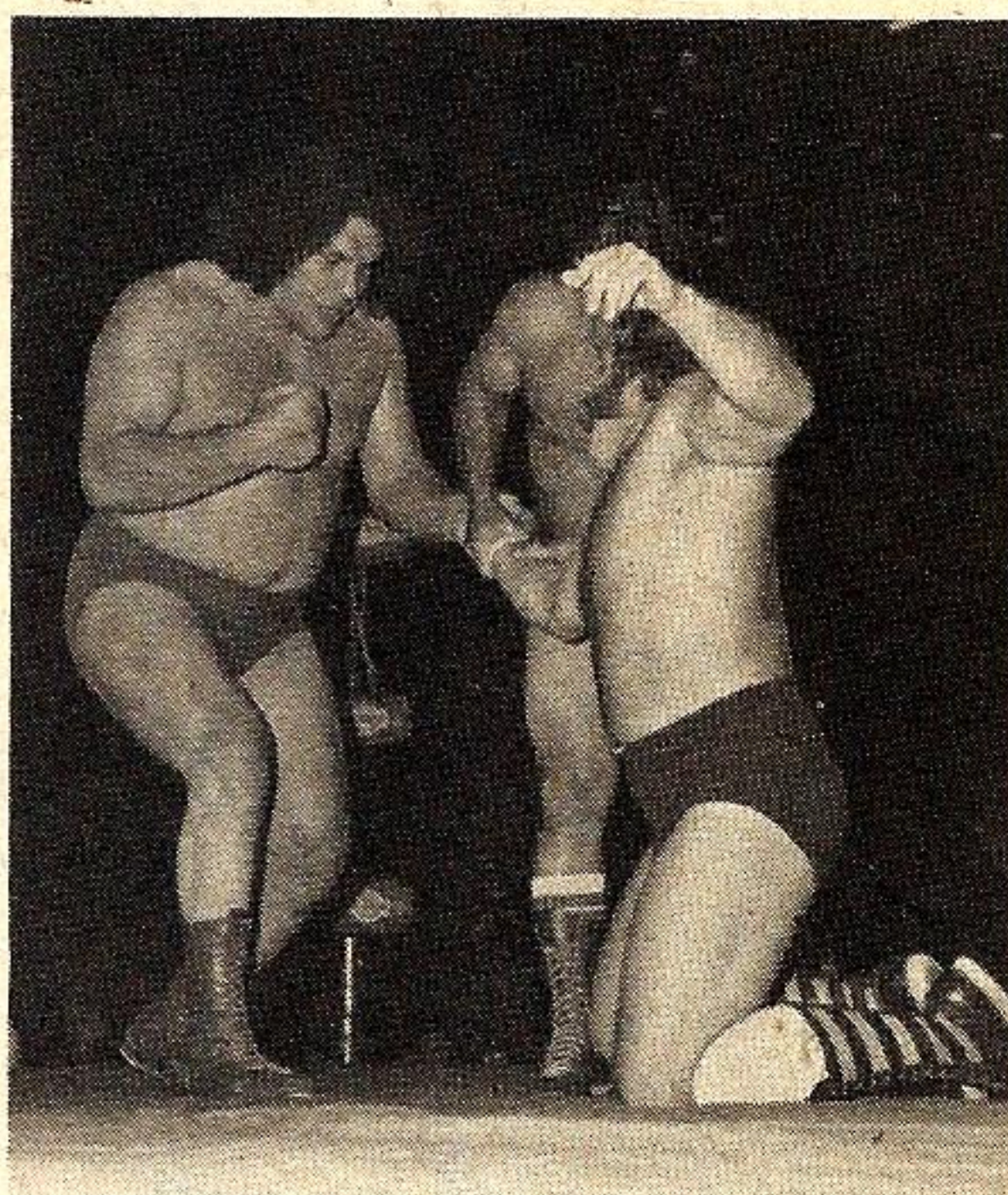
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PAUL JONES' SHOCKING CONFESSION:

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Paul Jones waits for Andre to tag him (above), but the giant grappler does not want any of the aid Paul offers (below).



to do with his quest for fan popularity. I said nothing to him.

"But then there was the match against the Anderson Brothers. I think it was this match that made me believe Andre needed a rest or something.

"The match started out pretty normal. It began with me going against Gene Anderson. I gave him a rough time, which was obvious by the agonizing screams he was letting loose every time I used a hold on him.

"Somehow he was able to break away from me and tag his brother Ole. As soon as the other Anderson got in there, I started giving him a run for his money. Then I heard Andre shout he wanted a cance at Anderson, so I went over and tagged him.

"The minute Andre entered the ring, I knew there was going to be trouble. Gene Anderson perched himself on the ropes, ready to jump into the action at any moment. Ole had a mean look on his face, like he was really going to brutally ravage Andre. Andre didn't seem to notice. "Ole rushed Andre and tried to

"Andre began spending more time wrestling in our tag team matches than usual. In the past we had both wrestled an equal amount of time. Now it seemed as if he would hardly ever tag out. He would even take on two men at once. It seemed odd, but I just thought it had

drag him to the mat. Of course, Andre is much too big to be taken down by a simple tactic like that, which Ole should have realized. Then Ole gave his brother a signal, and suddenly Gene leaped from the ropes and onto Andre, knocking him to the floor.

"Then both brothers were on top of Andre, trying to render him senseless. They pounded his giant body with powerful punches that would have knocked out any other man. But Andre withstood the vicious assault. It seemed as if he almost enjoyed it.

"I wanted to go in there and help Andre, but the Giant would hear nothing of it. He kept telling me, 'Don't worry, I'll take care of these two.' Then he refused to tag me. I tried to go in there, but Andre kept telling me 'Go away!'

"What could I do? I wanted to go in there and help Andre. I mean, after all, the Andersons were doubleteaming him, and he was just standing there taking their punishment.

"True to his reputation, Andre started overcoming his cruel opponents. I wouldn't have believed it unless I saw it with my own eyes. He picked Gene Anderson up and threw him back to his own corner. Then Ole rushed Andre, and the Giant just grabbed his arm and twisted it slowly behind Anderson's back. Ole screamed in agony. And Andre was smiling while he was doing it! That's what scared me. He seemed to be taking great pleasure in torturing his opponent.

"At that point I thought Andre had tripped over that fine line, beyond which he was no longer in full control of his faculties."

Whether Jones' fears are justified remains to be seen. However it has been noted recently that Andre does seem a bit more cruel to his opponents than usual. Whether he also enjoys being tortured is something that is difficult to determine.

But maybe for his own sake, Andre the Giant should heed his friends' advice and take a short vacation from his rigorous schedule. Maybe he should begin to let up just a bit and start to enjoy life. He should realize the fans will still love him no matter what he does.

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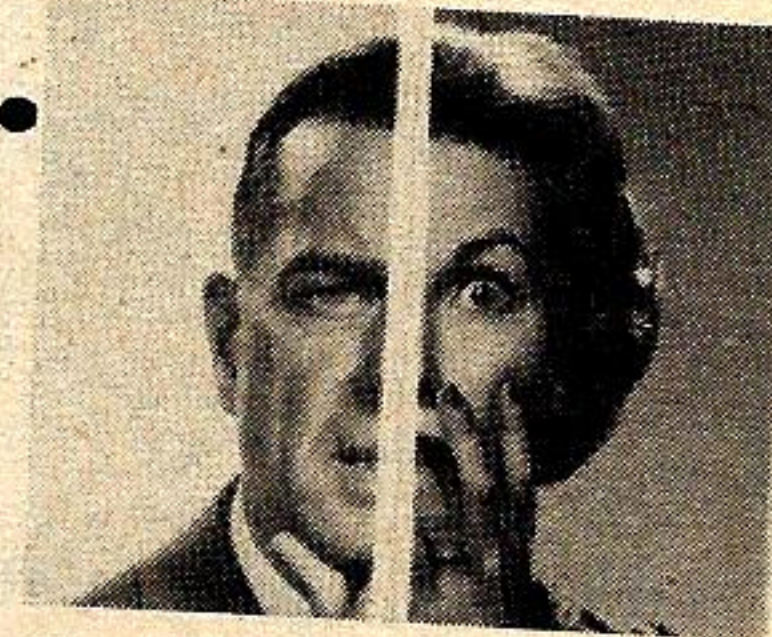
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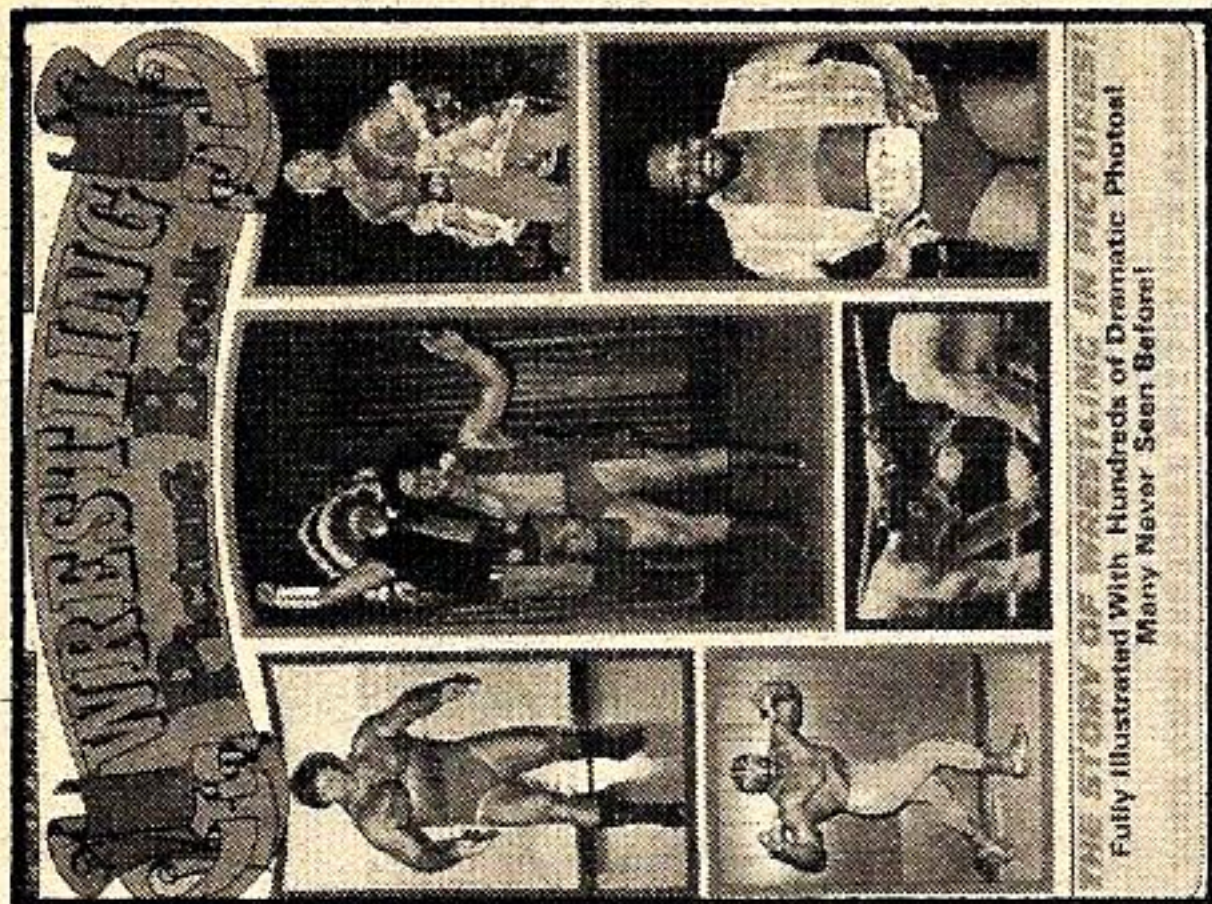
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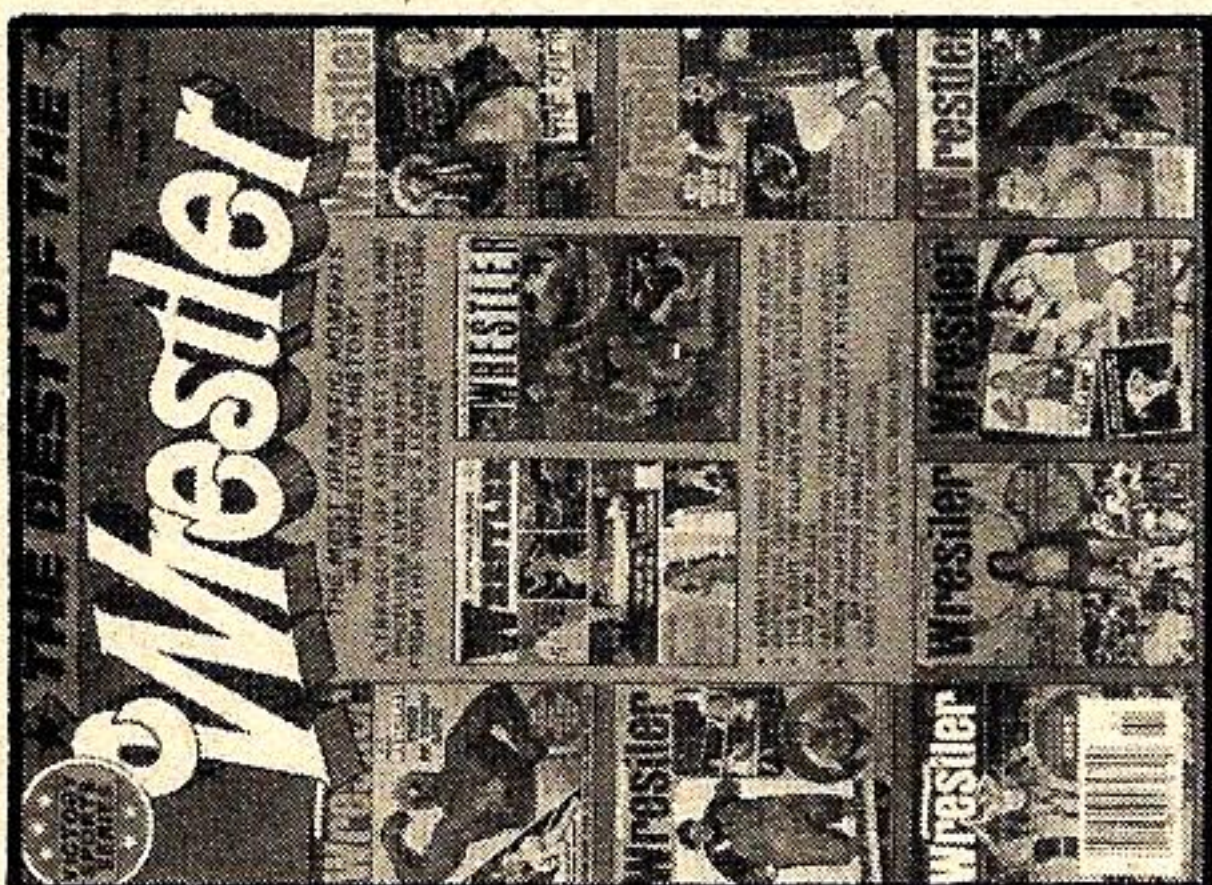


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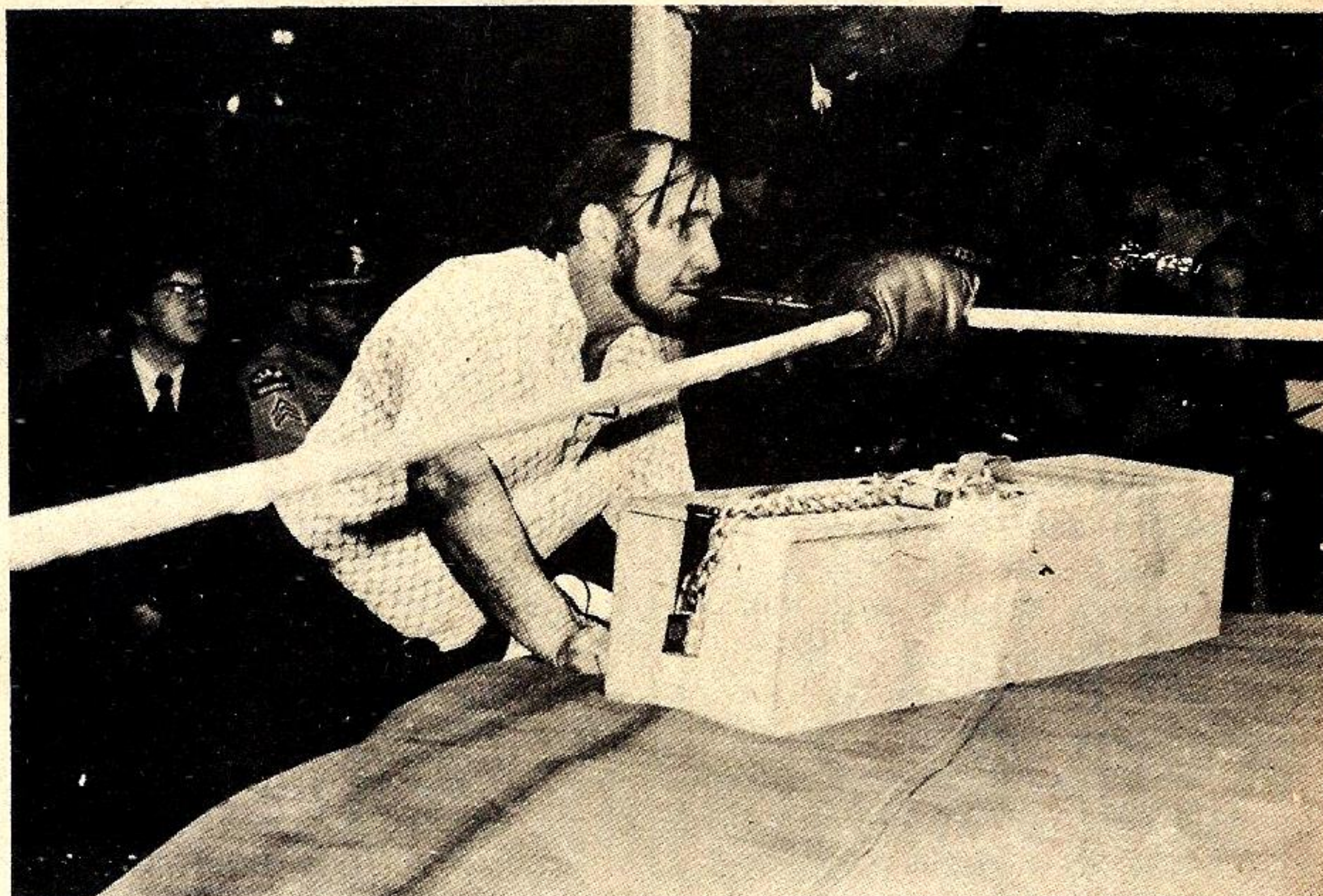
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FIRE!

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Ivan Kalmikoff brings a box containing a snake into the ring, the one thing which can bring fear to The Sheik's evil heart (above). Sheik punishes Ivan by burning him (right). It took everyone in the dressing room to restrain Ivan after the burning (below).



wrestler in the world, is terrified of have Mr. Kalmikoff's word assuring the beasts. Who can blame him?" us the snake will not be let out of

The referee, repeating what the his strongbox unless a foreign object promoters had said, declared, "We is used by The Sheik. We have no

reason to doubt Mr. Kalmikoff's word."

"Foreign objects!" Creatchman screamed. "Foreign objects! Have you ever known The Sheik, or for that matter any wrestler I've ever managed, to use a foreign object?"

Instead of answering, the official laughed in his face. The match began with the snake in the corner.

The Sheik kept one eye on Igor and one eye on the box. It wasn't too difficult for Igor to trap the terrified wrestler in a bearhug. Before The Sheik even knew what happened, he was the captive of Igor.

Seeing his wrestler in trouble, Creatchman handed him a foreign object. The Sheik is an expert in such situations and grabbed the object like it was a life preserver. It may have been because one shot to the forehead made Igor release his hold.

As soon as the weapon was used, Kalmikoff started to release the snake. The Sheik saw this and went berserk. Ignoring Igor, he ran at Kalmikoff, his face a mask of terror. Before Ivan could release the snake, The Sheik had shot fire—point-blank—into his face! The manager screamed in agony and writhed horribly upon the cold concrete floor.

He was taken to the dressing room in a state of shock. Igor followed him in, his face betraying the deep worry he felt.

Once inside, the shock passed. Remaining only was the agony of Kalmikoff's bleeding, burnt flesh. An eerie glaze covered Ivan's eyes. His body began to convulsively struggle as his screams filled the dressing room.

"I'll kill him!" Kalmikoff yelled, "so help me, I'll kill him! I'll kill him now! Let me go!" he screamed at the doctors, who had their hands full trying to restrain the raging, raging manager.

For an hour the doctor and Igor battled with the manager. Because of the damage done by burns, the medical man was afraid of giving Kalmikoff any kind of sedative. Finally, Kalmikoff passed out from exhaustion.

As he watched the burnt, exhausted face of his manager, Igor vowed to himself that someday, someday, The Sheik would be made to feel sorry he ever learned to throw fire. ☐

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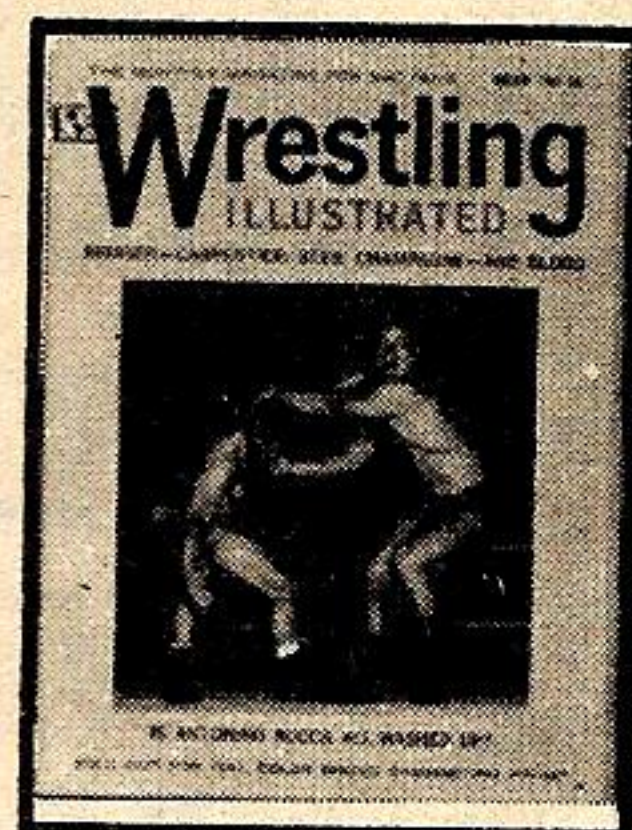
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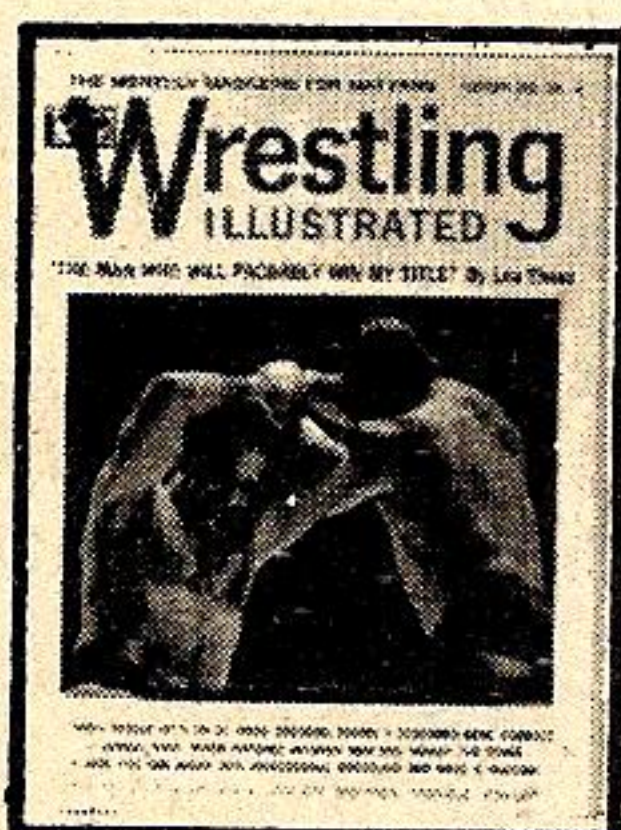
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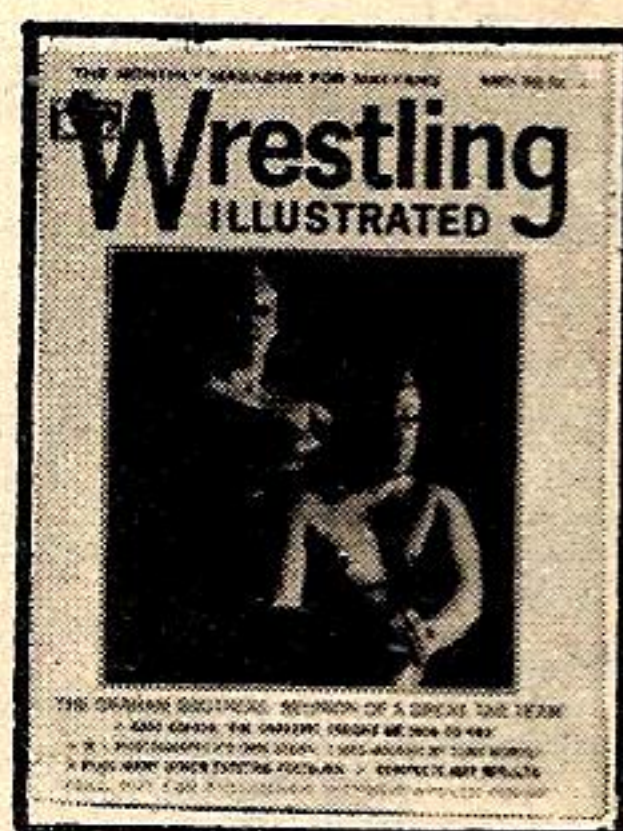
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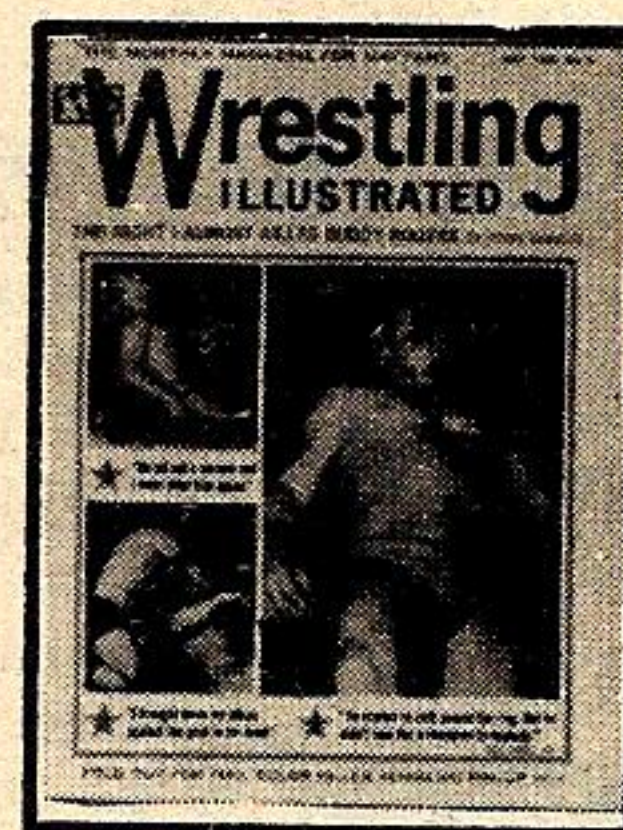
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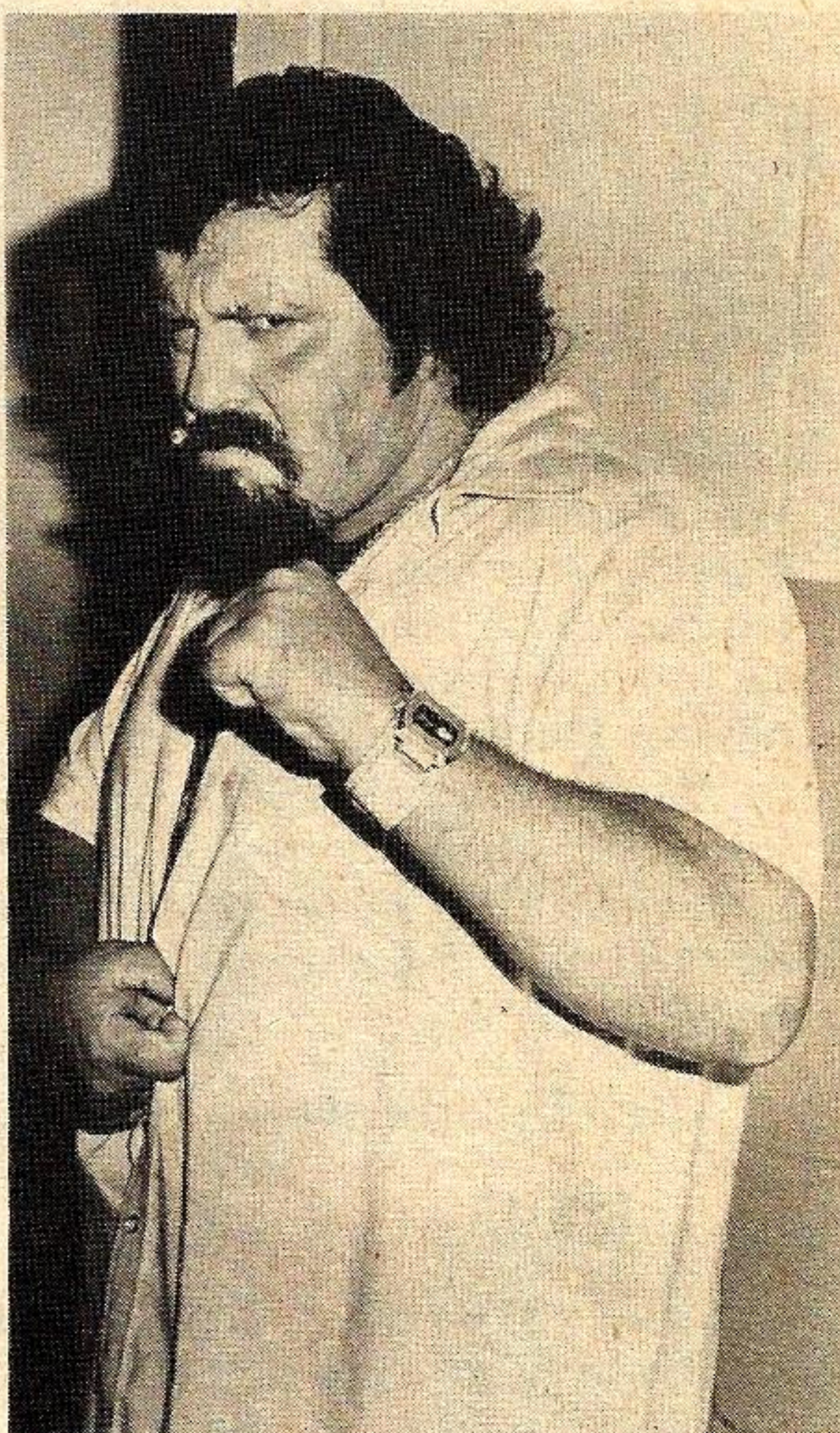
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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING, BABY

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The manager of The Blackjacks, Captain Lou Albano, says he is not worried about the hot duo of Louis Cerdan and Tony Parisi beating his infamous tag team!

"Blackwell is stronger and more of a wrestler than that dumb Polish joke," Blassie roared. "Someone has got to stop Putski for his own good. Blackwell is just the guy to do it." ...Ox Baker slated to square off against rugged Bull Bullinski, shouts, "The guy was a truck driver before he became a wrestler. I intend to demolish him so badly that he'll have to go back drivin' for a livin'!" ...Pedro Morales and Pat Patterson took the measure of The Masked Invaders, thus capturing the tag team title formerly held by the vicious masked men.

The explosive combination of Louis Cerdan and Tony Parisi are hot on the trail of W.W.W.F. tag team champions, Blackjack Mulligan and Blackjack Lanza. The manager of The Blackjacks, Captain Lou Albano, says he is not worried about Louis and Tony.

"Why should we worry!" exclaimed the Captain. "The entire world knows those greaseballs are good for defeating only the lowest, crummiest, garbage preliminary men. And even with those guys they have their hands full. The Captain's men can whip them

with ease, daddy!"

Experts predict you'll be hearing a lot about amazing Jerry Oates in the near future. He is evoking comparisons with Pat O'Connor, Verne Gagne, and Jack Brisco.

"I'm real proud people are already comparing me with these greats this early in my career," young Jerry snapped. "I hope I can live up to their expectations in the future." Jerry's already taken matches from some of the biggest stars in the business.

Antonio Inoki engaged in a tremendous battle against six time N.W.A. king Lou Thesz in Japan. "Inoki is one of the greatest wrestlers of modern times," Thesz admitted. "It was a pleasure wrestling such a fine gentlemen in the ring. Inoki's scientific tactics put him right up there in the top ten as far as I'm concerned."

Frank Monti threatens to belt any ring announcer in the mouth if he is not introduced as "Fabulous" Frank Monti...Don Leo Jonathan invading Quebec...Terry Funk signing for a series of matches in Los Angeles, California...Red Bastien on the sidelines after being hit full force with five heart punches by Stan Stasiak. Stan better watch out: As soon as Red recovers he is going after the heart punch expert with one thought in mind—bloody revenge!...The Mongolian Stomper's manager negotiating with southern promoters for his man to wrestle an extensive tour throughout Florida and Georgia.

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Along with Bruno Sammartino, Gorilla Monsoon, Donna Christenello, Kitty Adams, Vince McMahon Jr., and Dick Lane, yours truly appeared on NBC TV's "Tomorrow" program hosted by newsman Tom Snyder. The show, a discussion of professional wrestling received a tremendous response. We'll be running a full feature story about it in a future issue!

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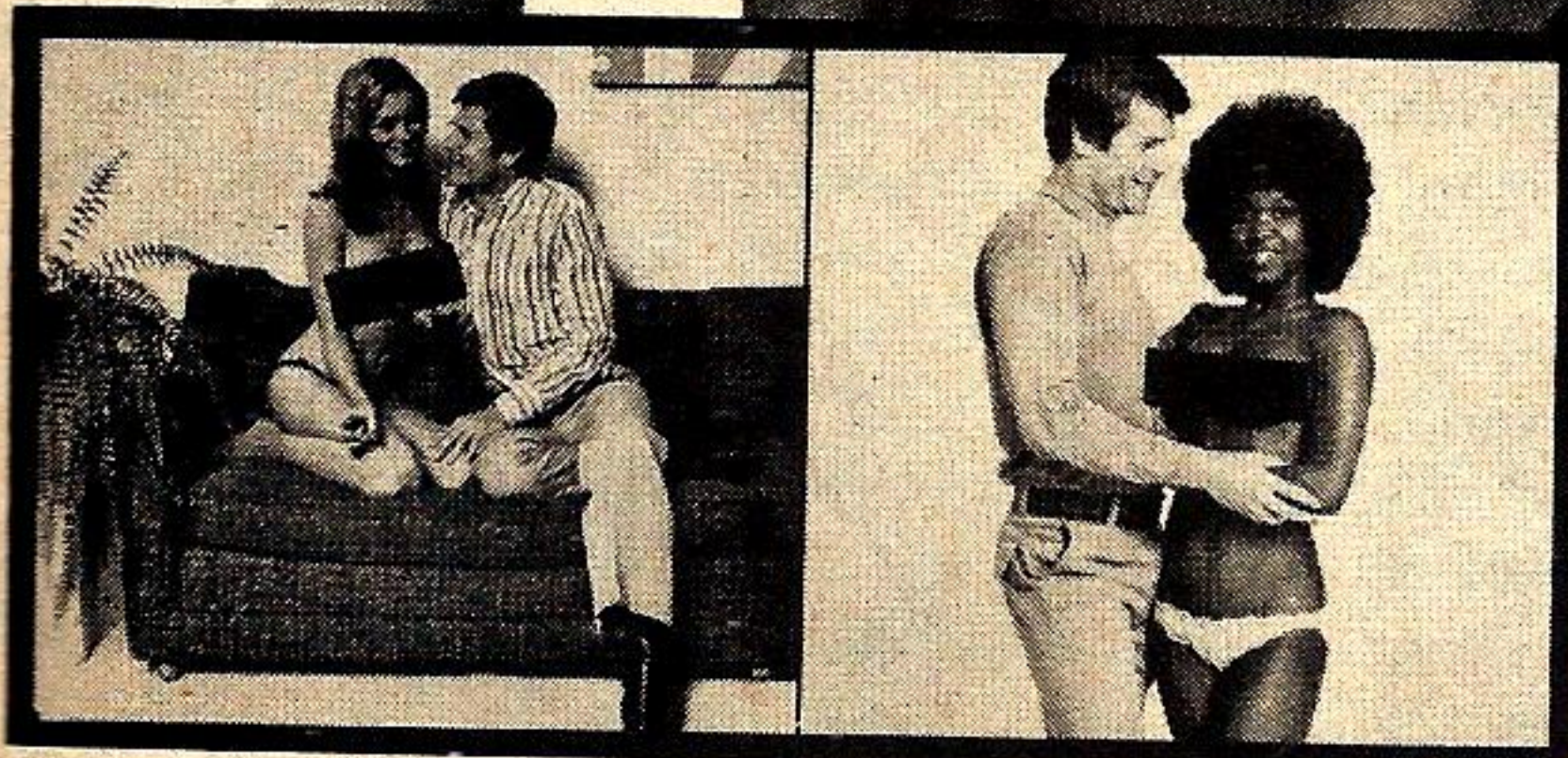
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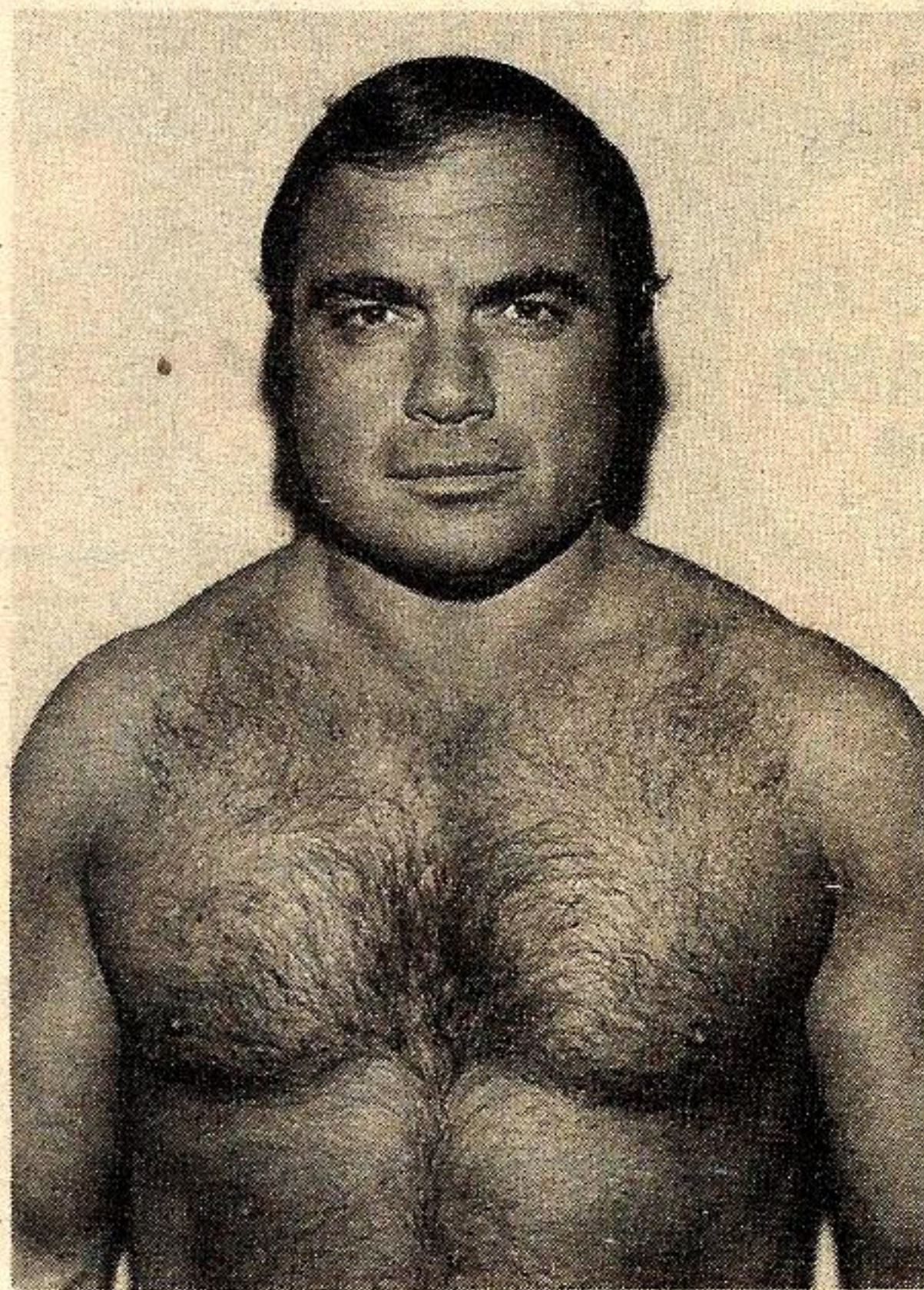
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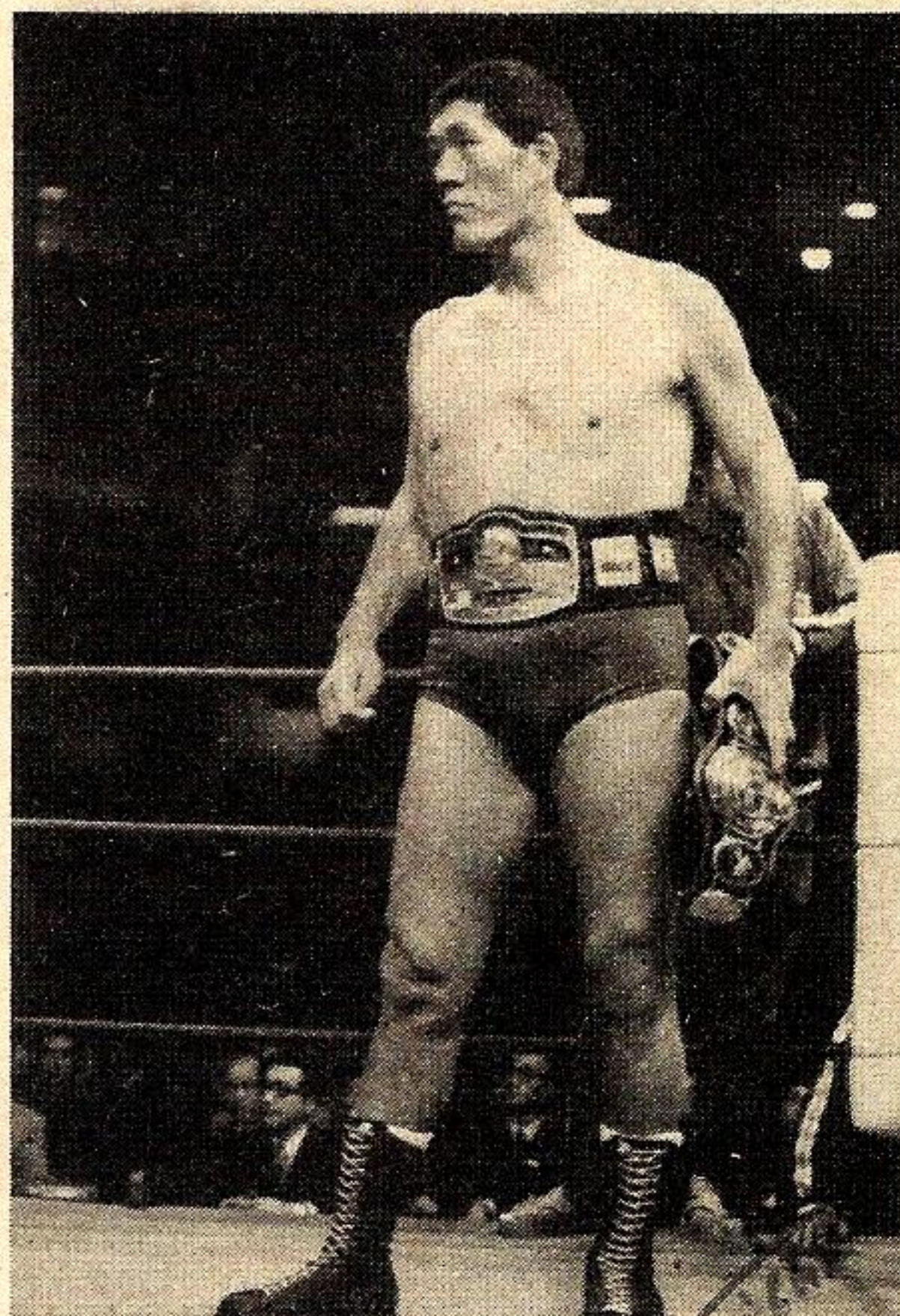


YOU ASKED US

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Above: John Tolos says he still plans to return to California, after he finishes terrorizing Texas. Below: Giant Baba wants a chance to grapple with Andre the Giant. In fact, he demands to have a match against Andre!



matches signed in Florida."

Q: What did Pat Patterson do with the "loaded" boot he took from The Great Mephisto?—David Duff, Las Vegas, Nevada

A: "I gave it to the California wrestling commission," Pat reports. "And, as you recall, Mephisto left California almost immediately after that boot was taken from him. He knew what I'd

do with it and he also knew the commission would take measures against him if he stayed in California."

Q: Do Bull Curry and son Fred team any more?—Mark Lepkin, Detroit, Michigan

A: "We haven't teamed in quite a while," Fred said. "At present we're both concentrating on single matches."

Q: Since Billy Robinson is now in the N.W.A., will he get a title shot?—Tim Yorkin, Miami, Florida

A: "I hope so," says Billy. "That's the reason I came to the N.W.A. area."

Q: I thought John Tolos was returning to California. He still hasn't arrived. Where the heck is he?—Harry Orman, Los Angeles, California

A: Tolos is still in Texas. "I planned to return to California but my contract was extended because I'm so popular here," explained Tolos. "Fear not. I shall return to California!"

Q: Has John Quinn settled his feud with Big Bad John's army?—Ken Thompson, Edmonton, Alberta

A: "Not by a longshot," says Quinn. "I intend to wipe the floor with every one of Big Bad John's army as soon as each of them crosses my path."

Q: Did Giant Baba give up his hopes of wrestling Andre The Giant—Charles Peckholdt Jr., Brentwood, New York

A: "No I didn't," Baba stressed. "I still have hopes some promoter will get this match in the works. The public demands it and so do I!"

Q: Did Dusty Rhodes ever get burned by The Sheik's fire?—Bill Verrern, Tampa, Florida

A: "No," big Dusty reports. "I'd like to rattle that Sheik fella, but he stays far away from me. The American Dream is much too good for that Arab snake. He knows I can whup him, so he don't make any more moves to rattle me!"

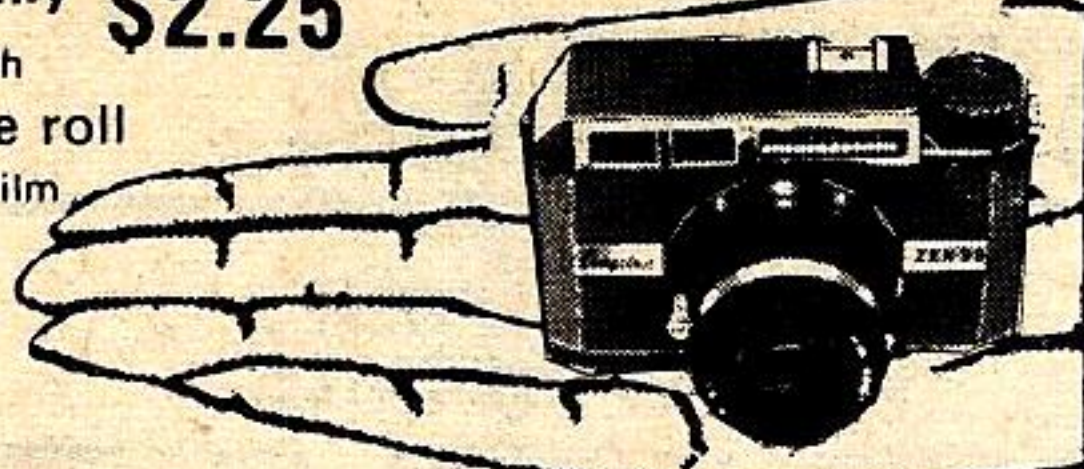
Q: Edouard Carpentier wrestled Mr. X in Toronto recently. Does Ed have any idea who the masked man is—Ted Frista, Toronto, Ontario

A: "I have no idea who was under that mask," replies Edouard. "I hope to eventually unmask him. Then I will tell the world who he is!" □

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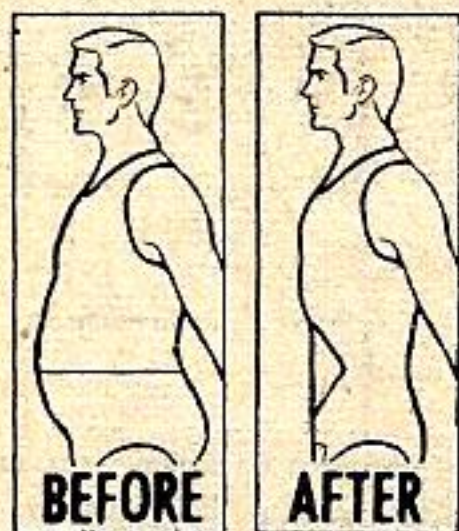
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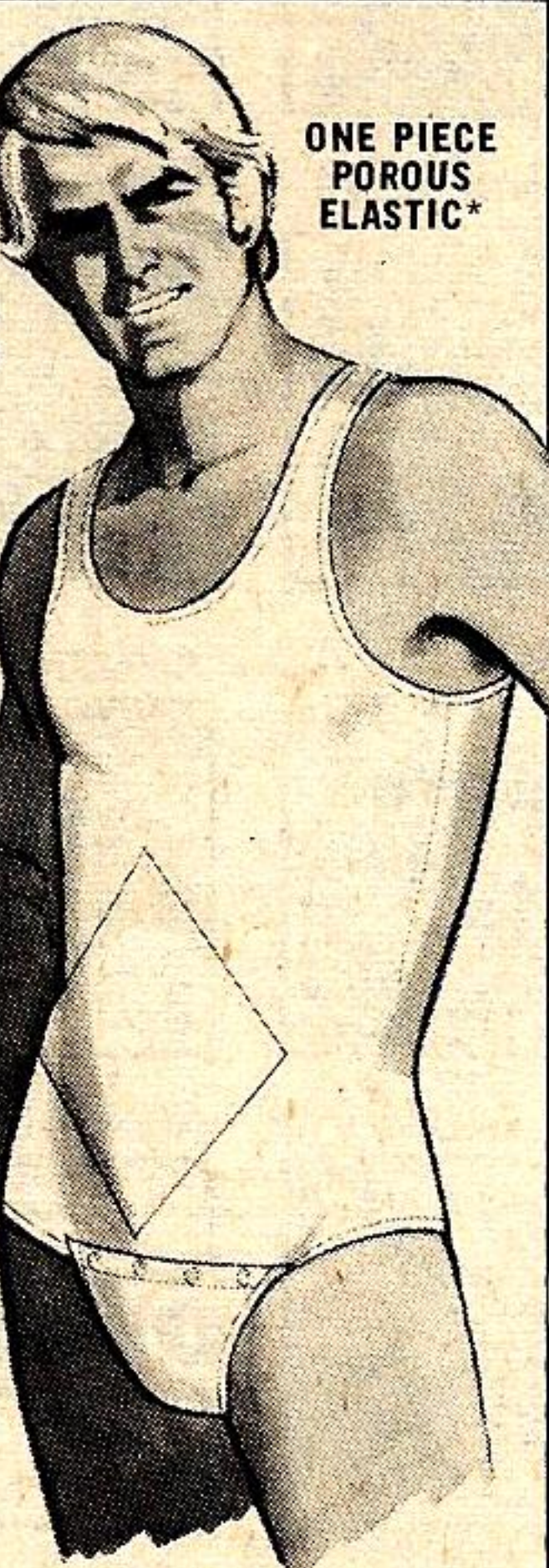
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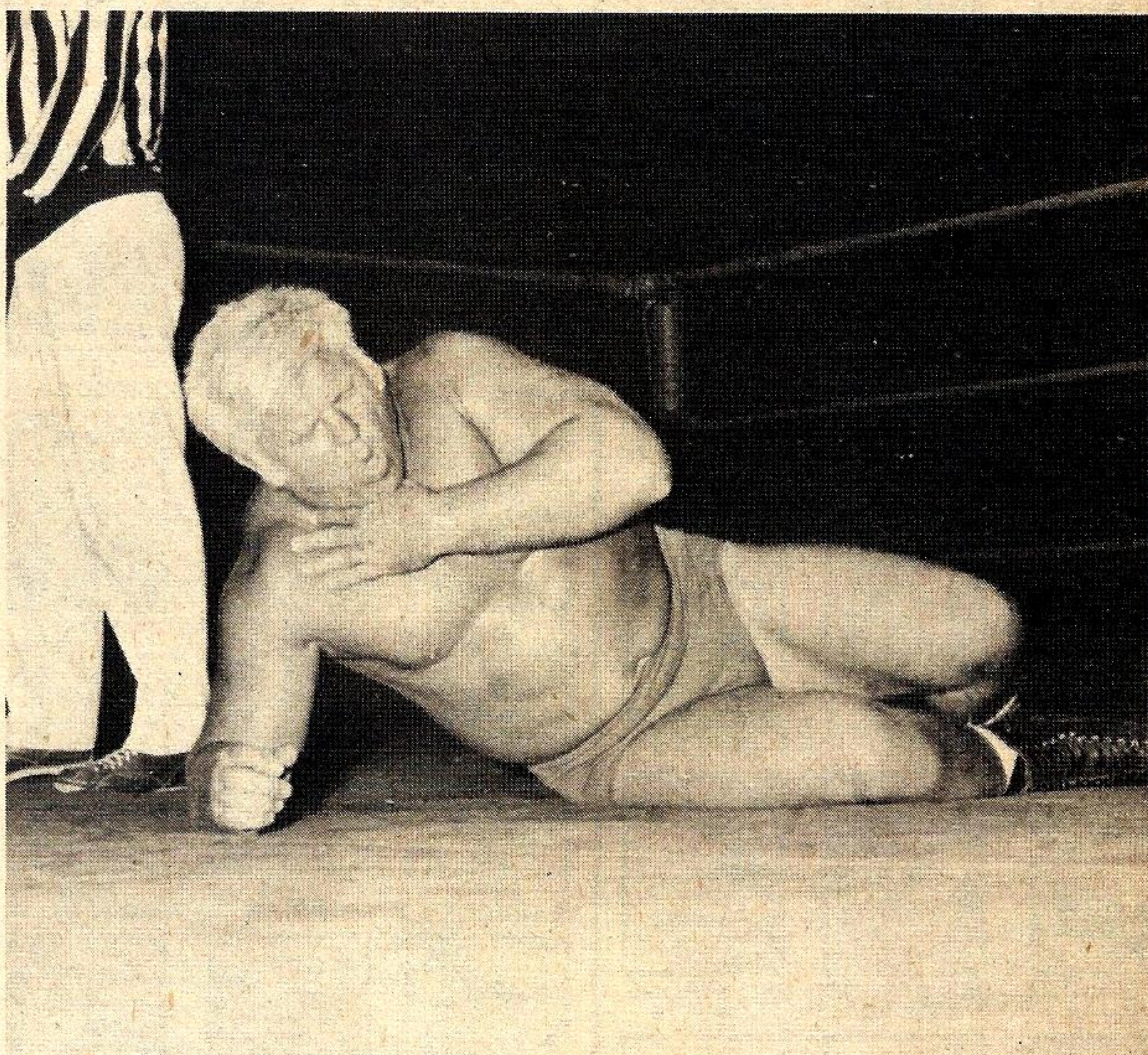
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After being savagely attacked by both Jim and John Valiant, a weak and weary Crusher lays exhausted upon the canvas. It took both Valiants to render Crusher a defenseless man, unable to stand up.

regain the W.W.W.F. tag team belts they lost to The Blackjacks but couldn't quite do it as Lanza and Mulligan overpowered the popular duo with some of the most vicious tactics ever seen. But Pat and Dom aren't calling it quits. They hope to get yet another title match and finally conquer the men who conquered them.

WISCONSIN NEWS

By Eddie Meltz

The Green Bay community was the scene of a great deal of super excitement as Crusher met "Handsome" Jimmy Valiant. It was a contest those present will not soon forget.

Jimmy entered the arena first, but instead of coming out alone like he promised, he entered with brother Johnny. Then Crusher entered, alone but confident.

When the bell rang starting the match, Jimmy walked over to Crusher and extended his hand, offering to shake. Crusher refused, thinking this was a cheap trick. Jimmy offered his hand again. This time, he grabbed

Crusher's elbow and flipped him to the floor.

Catching Crusher's elbow pad, Jimmy started bashing his opponent over the head. Crusher withstood the punishment for a minute, then roared upwards and smashed Jimmy in the face. Jimmy rushed away from his opponent, but Crusher kept up with him.

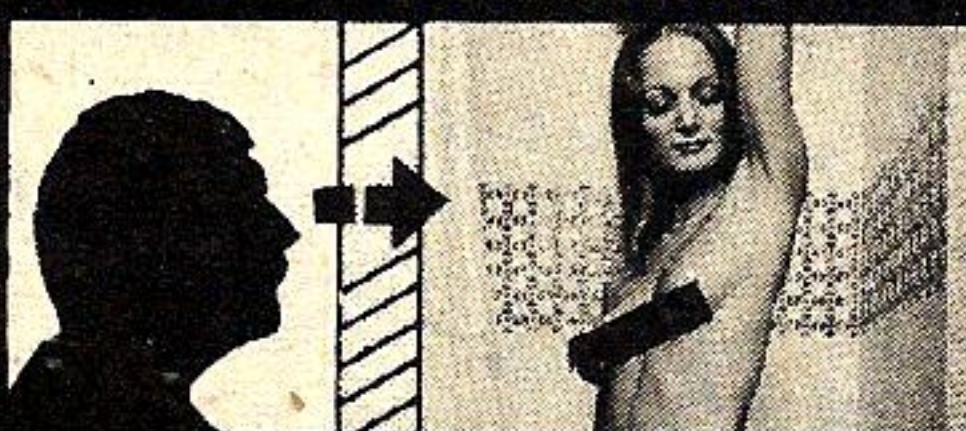
In order to avoid further attack from Crusher, Jimmy jumped over the ropes, but brother Johnny forced him back inside to finish off Crusher. As soon as Jimmy was back inside, Crusher caught him and started another assault. He began with a vicious eye gouge, sending Jimmy reeling backwards in agony. Crusher picked up his opponent and threw him against the ropes, colliding with the referee on his way across.

Johnny Valiant rushed in to save his brother. He jumped Crusher and forced him to the floor. Still a bit dazed, Jimmy went in and started pounding on Crusher too. Then the referee disqualified Valiant for having outside interference, thus ending the match.

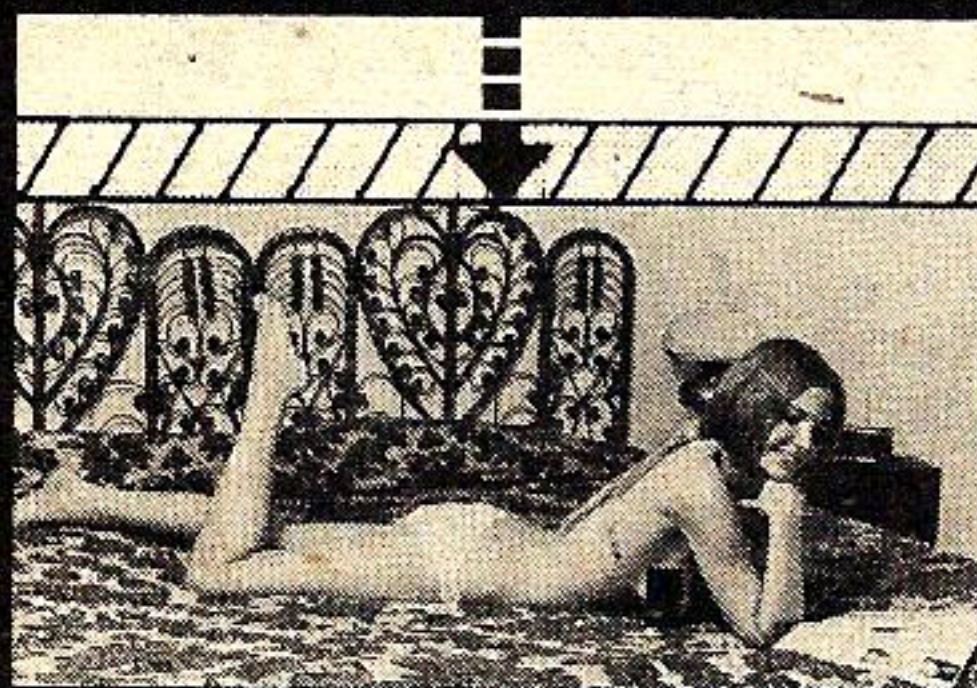
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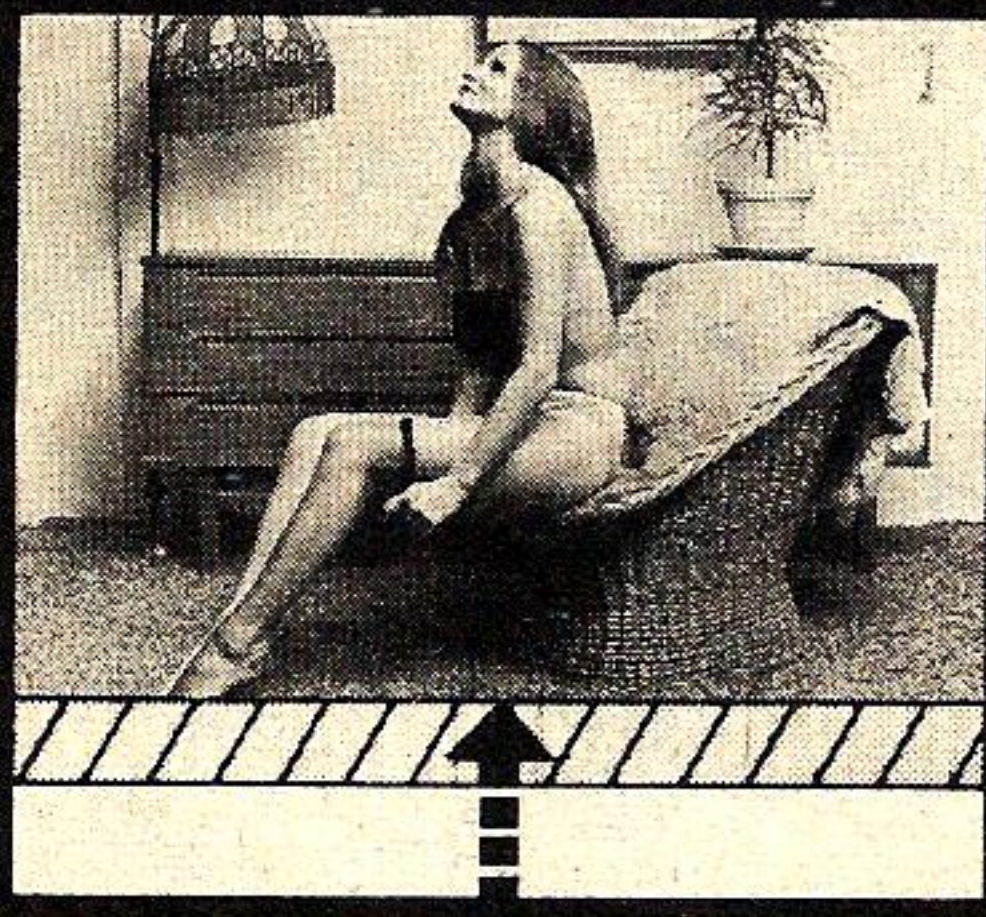
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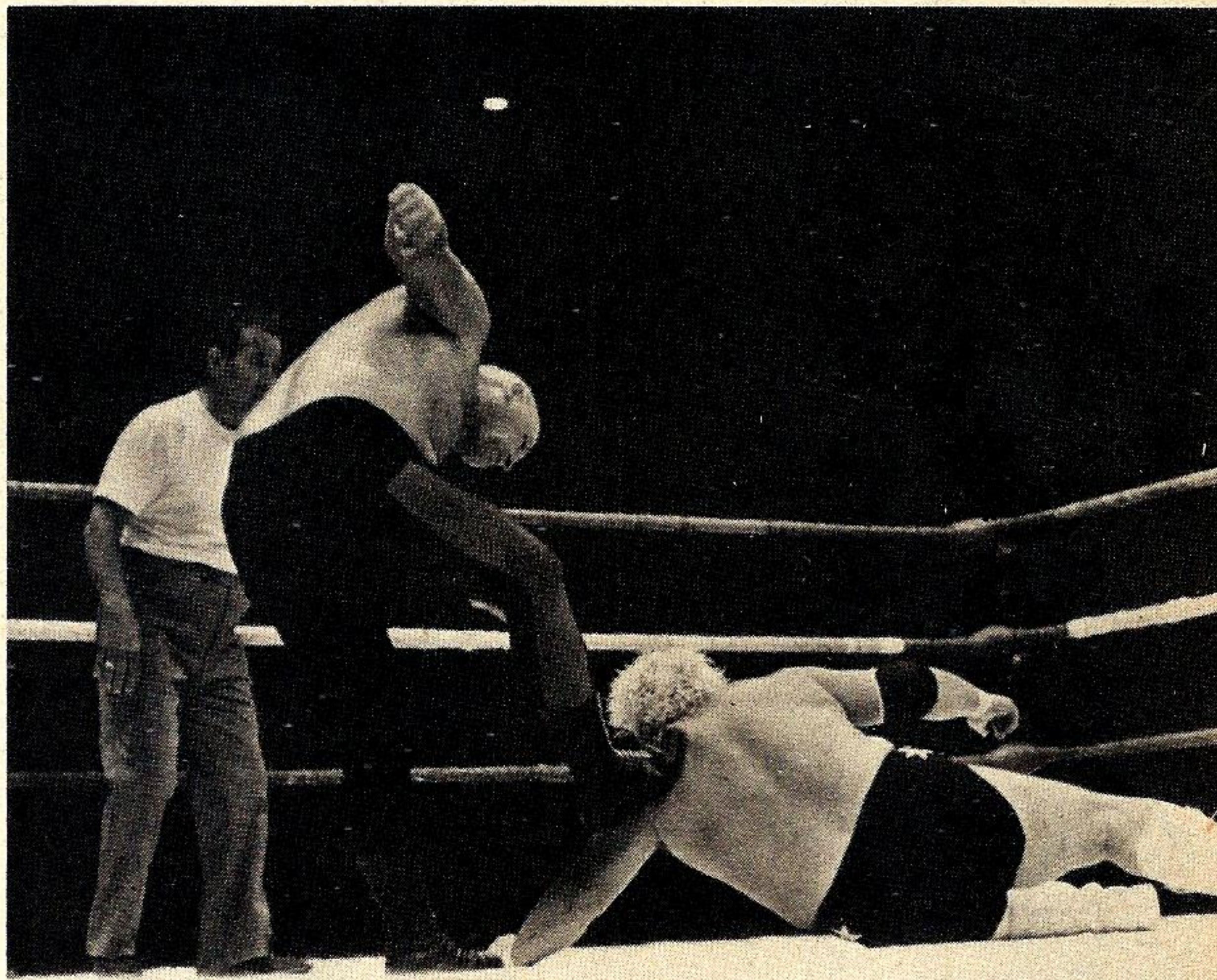


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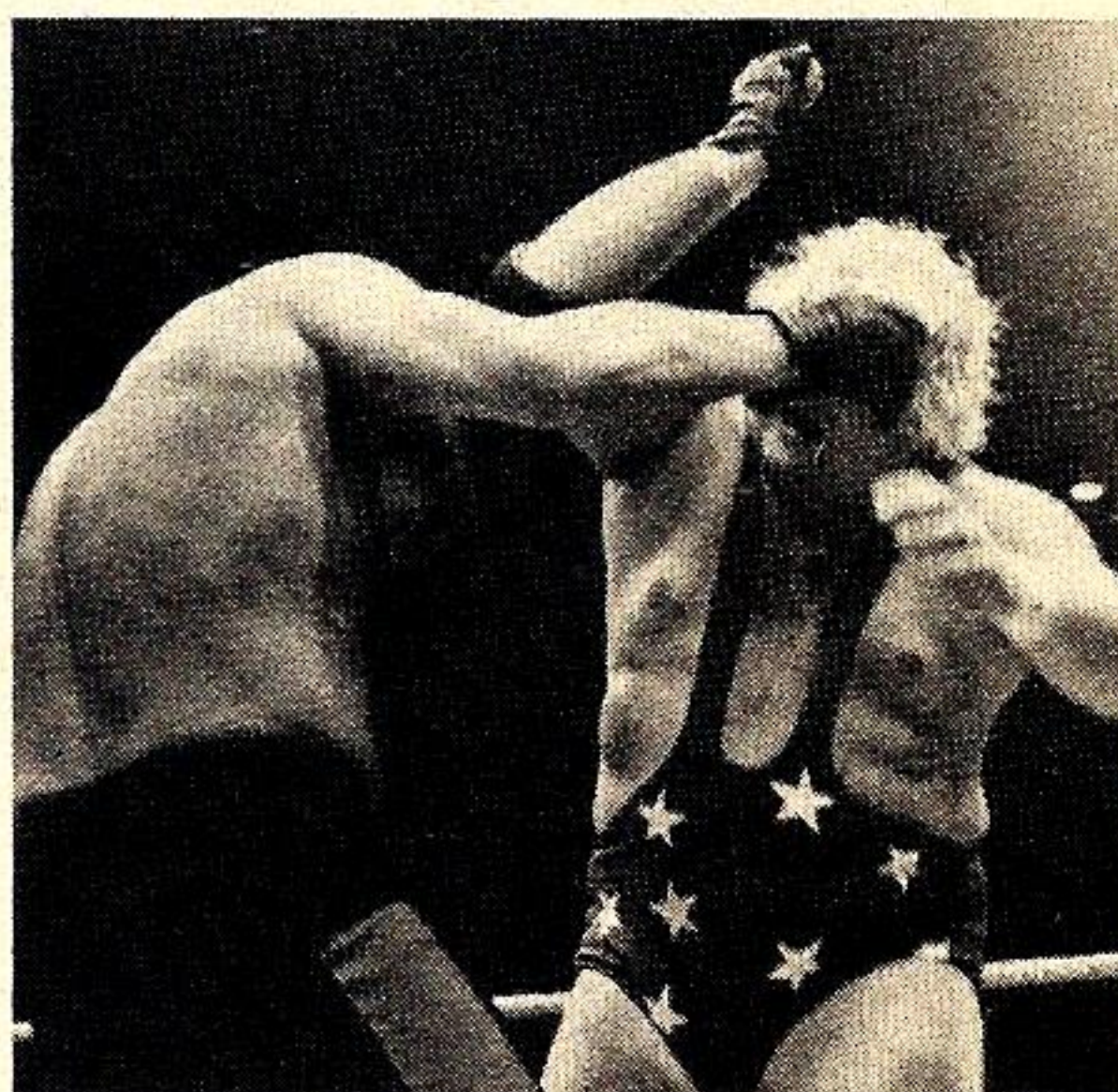
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Above: Von Raschke stomps the fallen Rhodes. Below: In an earlier match, Von Raschke's countryman, Horst Hoffman, goes after Dusty's eyes and mouth.



point and broke up the two men, instructing them to start again. He also warned Von Raschke for his attack on Rhodes.

This time, the Baron began his attack on Dusty slowly. Von Raschke managed to wrest Dusty to the mat again, holding tightly to the American Dream's arm. What no one could see, though Dusty could certainly feel it, was that Von Raschke was using a clawhold on Dusty's arm. The American Dream started screaming in agony, though no one could understand why.

Moments later, it was clear why

Dusty was in so much pain. Von Raschke's powerful clawhold had penetrated the skin and broken a blood vessel in Dusty's arm. Blood flowed like water, leaving a big red stain on the mat.

The American Dream went berserk at the sight of his own blood. He rose to his feet and started chasing the giant German grappler around the ring. Fortunately for the Baron, Dusty could not catch his opponent. Von Raschke jumped over the ropes and on to the floor. Dusty followed him. He caught the German and held his head in a very strong hold. Then, using his free hand, he started pounding on Von Raschke's head until a cut opened on the German's bald scalp.

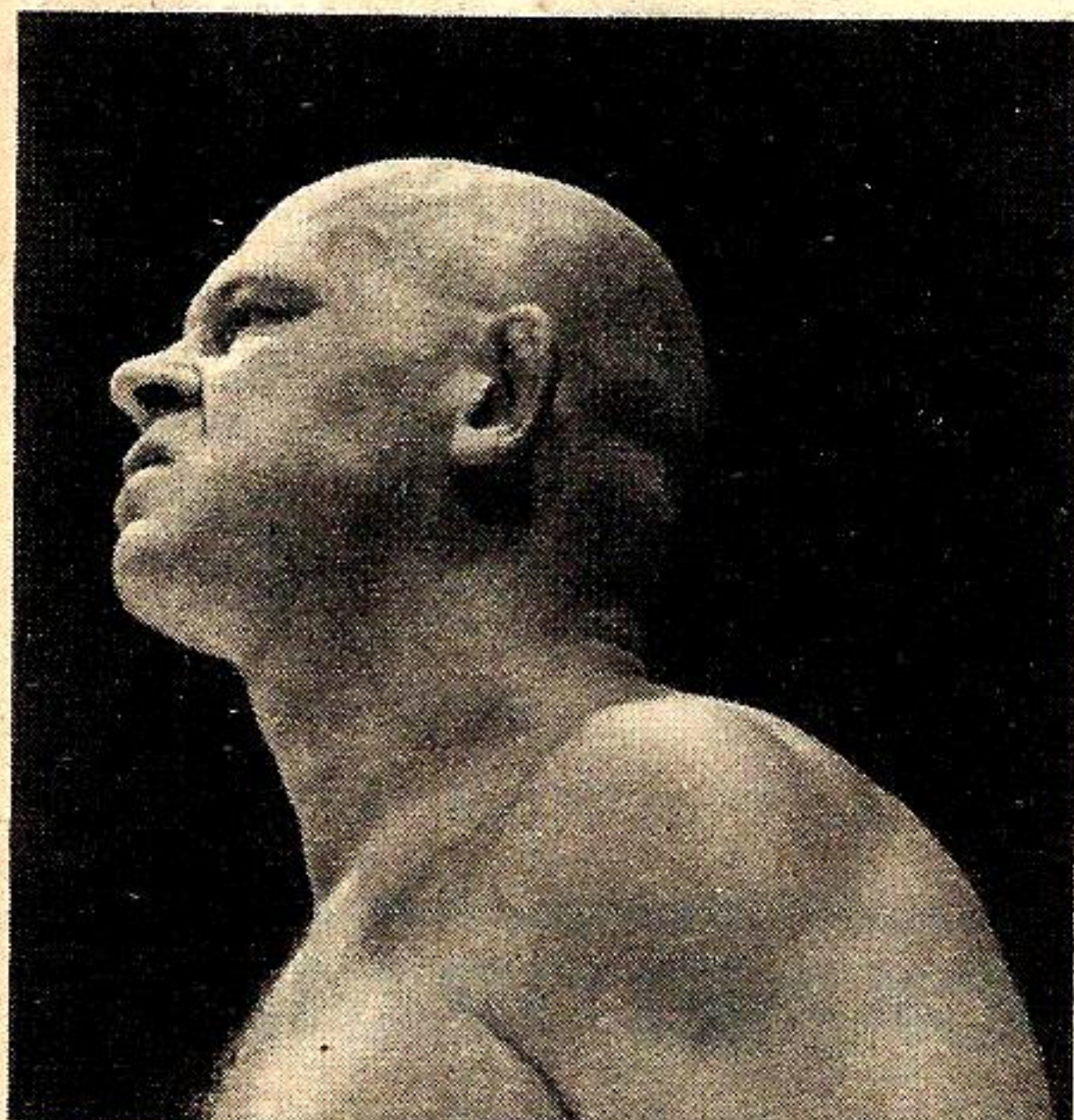
Again the referee stepped in, this time to end the match. He ruled there was no victor in the contest because both men had gone out of the ring.

At that point, the action became frantic, and no one is quite sure how the events unfolded. According to reliable reports, Dusty returned inside the ropes and challenged Von Raschke: "You no good meathead! Come back here and finish the battle right. You ain't no good as a wrestler. Come up here and prove you're a man!"

Von Raschke accepted the

challenge. He climbed up to where Dusty was and spit in his face. Then the Baron delivered a long, hard punch to Dusty's stomach. Dusty retaliated by grabbing Von Raschke's legs and hurling him to the floor. Then Dusty began pounding on the German's body, rendering the giant grappler helpless. The referee tried to separate the two, but he failed in his effort.

Six wrestlers from the dressing room were summoned to break up the brawl. Only after a tremendous effort could they separate the two battlers long enough for Von Raschke to escape to the dressing room. Four had to remain to restrain Dusty.



Baron Von Raschke appears to be determined to end the career of Dusty Rhodes, "American Dream!"

It took several hours for the American Dream to regain his composure. Reporters were allowed to see him, but they were limited to only hearing a statement read by Dusty, which said:

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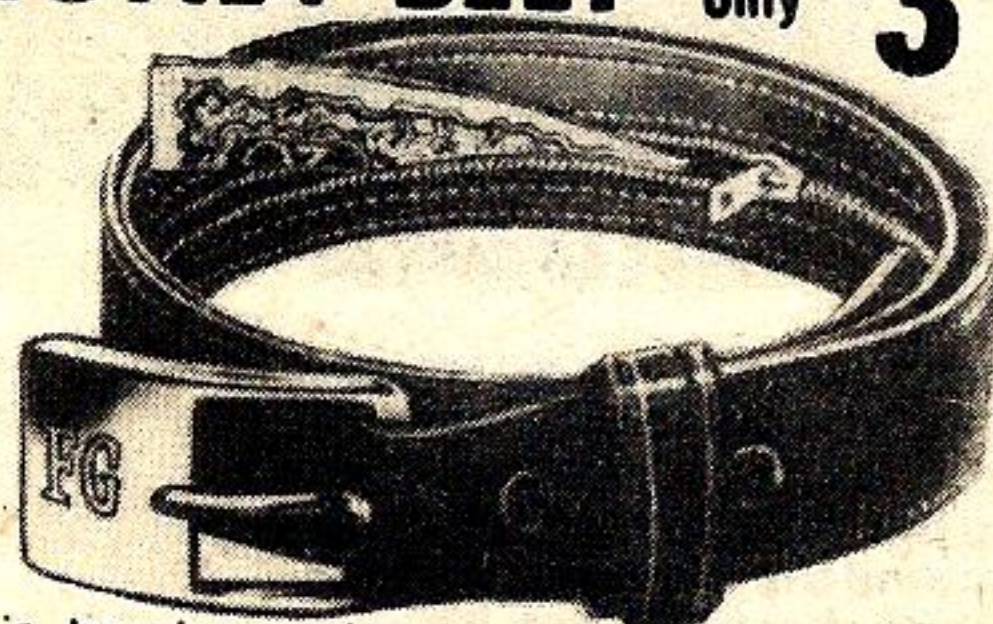
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